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Vasco to take on Hellas

National League champion South Melbourne Hellas will take on Vasco Da Gama of Brazil in a \$20,000 challenge match at Olympic Park from 8pm tomorrow (Thursday).

And Hellas hopes to have Vasco Da Gama star Geovani as a guest player in the top-of-the-table clash with Juventus at Middle Park on Sunday.

For Vasco Da Gama tomorrow's game will provide the opportunity to avenge its loss to Australia in the final of the international series at the MCG last Sunday.

Meanwhile, Spurs star Ossie Ardiles played his guest game with St. George Budapest without much effect on Monday, as Saints lost 1-1 to Marconi.

Melbourne Croatia signed defender Dave McIntosh from Penrith for \$6000 and he was man of the match as Croatia beat Heidelberg 1-0 with a goal by Socceroo squad member Steve Gojevic.

Hellas stayed on top of the Southern Division ladder with a 1-0 victory over Footscray J.U.S.T. for whom Branko Buljevic was an inspiration, while Graham Arnold scored twice in a 2-0 victory over Newcastle-Rosebud, which increased Sydney Croatia's lead at the top of the Northern Division, as second-placed Hakoah was held to a 1-1 draw by last-placed Wollongong.

Hakoah takes on league leader Croatia on Sunday, while the leaders of the other division, Hellas and Juventus, are battling it out at Middle Park.



The Australian dressing room resounds with the sound of ecstatic Socceros after their 2-1 win over Vasco Da Gama at the MCG last Sunday. From left, back row: Steve Gojevic, Terry Greedy, Graham Jennings, Robbie Dunn, Kenny Murphy, Gerry Gomez, David Ratcliffe, Eddie Thomson (assistant coach), Rod Brown, Frank Farina, John Margaritis (assistant coach). Middle row: Steve O'Connor, Joe Watson, Charlie Yankos. Front row: Oscar Crino, Jim Patikas, Zarko Odzakovic, Mike Petersen, Jeff Oliver. Picture: LES SHORROCK.

ROOS' SUCCESS BACKFIRES!

In a perverse way, the success of the Socceros may be killing off world series soccer.

It's always been regrettable but true that spectators flock to see visiting team rather than the Socceros pitted against them. Visiting teams like Juventus, Manchester United, Nottingham Forest, Tottenham Hotspur, Rangers and England, and players like Ardiles, Rossi, Boniek, Clemence, Francis and Tardelli are like mystical lures to Europeans cut off from the "super soccer" they saw back home.

But the legends die quickly. Absence makes the heart grow fonder, and so it is with soccer expatriates.

Finally the team they have worshipped, the memories they have cherished for so long, confront them once

more. Nothing is the way they had imagined.

The visitors are mere mortals. They struggle against these upstart Australians, who were beaten so easily a decade or more earlier.

Why can't a Juventus or a Manchester United score five or six goals, the way they used to, so that the expatriate can revel in his national pride, go home and live it up with his fellows?

Those days are over. Like Frank Ark always says, overseas players have two arms, two legs and a head just like ours do. There is not that much difference any more.

Soccer has become a physical contest. Superior skills can be used to advantage only if the opponents allow you to. Australia allows no-one to do anything. Not without a hell of a fight.

The Melbourne fans turned up — 20,000 of them — to watch the first double-header at the MCG last Wednesday week. OK, they saw what was on offer. When it was cold and rainy last Sunday, they may have figured — so what else is new? In addition, neither Chinese nor Spurs — the two teams that command support here — had reached the final.

Tournament promoter Peter Shecan was disappointed, but he said that the July-August tournament between AEK Athens, Red Star Belgrade, Australia and perhaps Torino, PSV Eindhoven and Celtic, would go ahead.

What's more, he said, the ASF had been given FIFA permission to run an international "Gold Cup" tournament in 1987/88, to be contested preferably by former World Cup winners, or other national teams. Shecan believes the failure of this series proved that the Australian public wants to see only Greek, Yugoslav and perhaps Italian teams.

— LAURIE SCHWAB

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Fiore fumbles as Spurs finally hit their straps

By CRAIG MACKENZIE

Spurs 4

Udinese 1

Scorers: Leworthy 3rd, Miller 25th, Susic o.g. 37th, Falco 79th (Spurs); Carnevale 43rd (Udinese).

Venue: MCG. Crowd: 10,451 (double header). Referee: Jim Fearn 7.

At last, we saw the real Spurs, thanks to Tony Galvin, Danny Thomas, Gary Mabbutt and Co. but what a dismal defensive performance from Udinese which used second string goalkeeper Pasquale Fiore in the first half and regretted every minute of it.

Fiore revived memories of Fijian custodian Akula Ravono. Remember Ravono? He's the unhappy character who had 10 goals put past him by the Soccerroos in the qualifying series for the 1982 World Cup finals and four days later, the Kiwis made Ravono pick the ball out of the back of his net 13 times.

There only was \$10,000 difference in prizemoney in this third and fourth play-off, \$30,000 going to the winner, \$20,000 to the loser. However, it was clear from Spurs' approach that winning money didn't mean as much as leaving our shores with heads held high and pride restored.

To see an Italian First Division team so inept defensively was almost unbelievable.

It took Spurs three minutes to score and show up Udinese's defensive deficiency. Chris Hughton played the ball down the left to Galvin who was only 10 metres inside the attacking half. Galvin slipped past Dino Galparoli and looked up, sizing up chances of playing an early cross. Big Cesare Cattaneo came towards Galvin then saw that Galparoli was recovering, so Cattaneo back-pedalled into the heart of the Udinese defence. And that was a dreadful mistake. Galvin slipped into top gear leaving a gasping Galparoli in his wake, used up the 30 metres in front of him and within the blink of an eye, was deep inside the Udinese

Man of the match:
TONY GALVIN
(Spurs)

area on the left. Galvin cut the ball back and David Leworthy sidefooted in first time.

A minute later, Fiore made a point blank save from Leworthy. It was one of the few times that Fiore earned his wage.

In the 20th minute, a strangely quiet Massimo Mauro put Andre Carnevale clear on the right of the Spurs area, but Graham Roberts timed his tackle to perfection, sliding in and conceding a corner to Udinese.

But Spurs went further ahead in the 25th minute. Ossie Ardiles made a superb run only to be clipped from behind as he was about to enter the Udinese area. The ensuing free kick was struck low and although Fiore had it well covered, he fumbled, allowing the ball to bounce clear for the incoming Paul Miller, who tapped it in. A simple goal, and one that was to take the stuffing out of Udinese.

Galvin was doing as he liked but John Chiedozie wasn't involved much. Udinese coach Luis Vinicio had given Manuel Gerolin the task of shadowing Chiedozie, who switched wings a couple of times but couldn't shrug off Gerolin.

The contest ended in the 37th minute with Spurs' third goal. Leworthy got clear and his shot struck the advancing Fiore, ricocheted back off Leworthy, struck the knee of Massimo Susic and went in off the far post.

Cattaneo came off injured and that wasn't really a bad thing, for the Udinese strongman had had a nightmare.

Two minutes before the break, Udinese hit back when Mauro put Carnevale through and Carnevale struck the ball wide of the advancing Ray Clemence.

Not that it made much difference and for the most part, Udinese simply went through the motions in the second half. Spurs' boss Peter Shreeves must have realised this for he made three substitutions in the 65th minute. Off came Ardiles, Galvin, and Chiedozie. On came Micky Hazard, Ally Dick and Ian Crook. Udinese had shown what it thought of Fiore's display by taking him off at half time and putting on number one choice Fabio Brini.

In fact, Brini was unlucky when Spurs made it 4-1 in the 78th minute. Leworthy got clear on the right of the Udinese area and sent in a pldriver which Brini did well to get a hand to. The ball lobbed up in the air and the incoming Mark Falco headed in before Brini had a chance to properly recover.



Vasco De Gama — second in the international series. From left, standing: Acacio, Ivan, Vitor, Nei, Donato, Nene. Front: Mauricinho, Gilberto, Claudio Jose, Roberto Dinamite, Romulo. Picture by LES SHORROCK.



Tottenham Hotspur, back row: Danny Thomas, Paul Miller, Mark Falco, Tony Galvin, Chris Hughton, Ray Clemence. Front: David Leworthy, Graham Roberts, Ossie Ardiles, Gary Mabbutt, John Chiedozie. Picture: LES SHORROCK.

Spurs lose \$300,000

FIFA has imposed an indefinite ban on English clubs from playing any matches abroad after 39 people were killed in riots at the recent Liverpool-Juventus European Cup Final.

Spurs got special permission to play last Sunday but stand to lose at least \$300,000 from planned tours next month to the Caribbean, Switzerland and Holland as part of their pre-season training.

A Victorian Eleven was to have been a last-minute recruitment to play Udinese if the ban against Spurs was upheld by FIFA.

Davo back in training

Alan Davidson resumed training with the Soccerroos during the international series.

Davidson, who has two years of his contract with English first division club Nottingham Forest to complete, had been out of action for 10 weeks with a broken bone in his lower back.

The tough defender was

strapped in a fibreglass cast in England to enable the bone to knit and this was switched to a corset for his return flight to Australia.

Davidson linked with the defence when national coach Frank Ark put his 22 players through their paces at training during the international series.

Most of Davidson's work consisted of positioning and quick moving of the ball without any actual body contact. "Doctor Siri Kannangara told me in Sydney that I was fit to return to light training," said Davidson.

The bone has not fully healed so I took it easy on the park, just pushing the ball around. "My departure date from Melbourne is still set for July 19 to join Forest in Holland for pre-season training which starts on July 19.

"And I can't wait to get back to Australia for the World Cup matches later this year against New Zealand and Israel."

Arok was pleased with the progress of Davidson who is regarded as an essential member of the Australian defence and attack.

He is carrying a little extra weight from being immobile for the past 10 weeks but it should not take long for him to get back into playing condition, said Arok.

Davidson has been granted permission by Nottingham Forest manager Brian Clough to play against New Zealand and Israel but will not be available for the games against Taiwan.

— TED SIMMONS

Grandpa and Zico Geovani's idols

By TED SIMMONS

Francisco Pinto at the age of 63 still lays down the law with instructions and advice to his grandson.

And the 21-year-old grandson, better known as Geovani, one of the current stars of the Brazilian World Cup team, listens as closely to his grandfather now as he did when he was first initiated into the art of soccer as a young boy.

"My grandfather nearly played for the First Division club Flamengo in Rio and convinced me I should become a soccer player," said Geovani.

He used to spend a lot of time improving my game and still kicks a ball with me. "Geovani, who may guest with SM-Hellas against Juventus on Sunday, has fond memories of Australia as well as close friends. He was selected as a 16-year-old in the Brazilian squad which contested the finals of the 1981 FIFA World Youth championship in Australia.

During his stay he made personal contact with people in Newcastle and Melbourne and still maintains regular correspondence with them.

"I am pleased we are in Melbourne and hope to go to Newcastle because it will give me the chance to renew these friendships," he said before Sunday's final.

Geovani's progress in soccer continued after Australia with his selection in the Brazilian team for the 1983 World Youth finals in Mexico.

He was a member of the Brazilian side which beat Argentina 1-0 in the final and was also the top scorer for the tournament.

"Soccer has always been in my family. My father is a referee and gives me lots of good advice and tells me how to behave," he said.

"It is a good profession in Brazil and when I finish playing I would like to be a coach or a club physical instructor.

"I have tried to model my game on some of the more famous Brazilians like Zico and try to remember that it is only a game."

Geovani is one of only two members of the 1983 Youth squad to gain selection in the current Brazilian World Cup side.

But he was surprised at the big improvement in Australian soccer.

"It is much better than what I saw in 1981. The Australians have a better attack and are much faster," he said.

"But their skills are not yet at the standard we enjoy in Brazil."

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The Socceroos, before last Sunday's memorable victory at the MCG. Back row: Zarko Odzakov, Oscar Crino, David Ratcliffe, Terry Greedy, Steve O'Connor, John Kosmina. Front: Ken Murphy, Marshall Soper, Joe Watson, Graham Jennings, Charlie Yankos. Picture: LES SHORROCK.

Arok wary as Roos leave Vasco in tears

By LAURIE SCHWAB

Australia 2
Vasco Da Gama 1
Scorers: Kosmina 31st & 86th; Romulo 36th.
Venue: MCG.
Crowd: 10,451 (double-header).
Referee: Chris Bambridge 10.
Cautions: Vitor, Donato, Romulo, Murphy, Gilberto, Jennings, Nene.
Sent off: Vitor 89th.

Although victory in the international series was the Socceroos' greatest triumph since qualifying for the 1974 World Cup, euphoria must be tempered with caution.

The point of the exercise is to reach the World Cup finals in Mexico next year and to do so, Australia has to beat either Scotland, Wales or Spain in a home and away play-off.

Australia never has beaten a national team of that calibre.

Socceroo coach Frank Arok said after the victory over Vasco Da Gama in the final of the international series last Sunday:

"We must be realistic. If we played Tottenham Hotspur or one of the other teams in this series 10 times, we would win maybe twice, and draw once. They are 75 per cent better than us, but maybe, by it, it time these teams realise it, it is too late. When teams come here and pay us proper respect, we might be in big trouble!"

Much as been achieved, however. The team fought fiercely in every game of the series, it has shown extraordinary confidence, Arok has double cover for every position on the field and there is yet another international series in July-August in which to improve the team further.

Most of all, Arok scored an overwhelming victory over those who have criticised him, especially those who said he wasn't even close to having a World Cup line-up.

The fact is that, with John Kosmina back in top form, Arok last Sunday fielded no less than eight of the players who competed against England in 1983, in the first series over which Arok had control.

They are: Terry Greedy, Charlie Yankos, David Ratcliffe, Steve O'Connor, Graham Jennings, Joe Watson, John Kosmina and Ken Murphy.

Marshall Soper and Oscar Crino were added during last year's world series, and Zarko Odzakov was added for this year's tournament.

Alan Davidson and David Mitchell, who both were in the team against England in 1983, will return for the World Cup games starting in September.

Davidson, in fact, was a member of the squad this time, although unable to play because of injury.

In other words, those players alone give us a hard-core squad of 15, with Jim Patikas, Robbie Dunn, Frank Farina, Mike Petersen, Rod

Man of the match:
JOHN KOSMINA
(Australia)

Brown, Jeff Oliver, Steve Gojevic and Graham Honeyman — who all were reserves this time — yet to be considered.

In addition, there are those from the larger Socceroo squad who were omitted when it was reduced — Tony Pezzano, Tony Franken, Ian Gray, John O'Shea, Mike O'Shea, Bruno Vidale, Peter Raskopoulos, Chris Kalantzis, Wally Savor, Phil O'Connor, Tommy McCulloch who was injured, and Alex Robertson who withdrew.

In other words, 20 players are vying for nine positions as reserves, assuming Arok is aiming at a 22-man World Cup squad.

When Davidson returns to the right back position, the most logical World Cup line-up, will be: Greedy, Yankos, Davidson, S. O'Connor, Ratcliffe, Jennings — Odzakov, Crino, Murphy — Kosmina and Soper, with Mitchell set to replace either Kosmina or Soper depending on form or injuries, and Patikas and McCulloch first reserves for a midfield position.

Oliver is the alternative to Greedy, Honeyman — although he hasn't played yet — would be Yankos's understudy as a sweeper; Dunn is an alternative stopper. We're missing a back-stop left back, but Mike Petersen could do that job easily.

Asked what had been learned from the international series, Arok said: "To be patient, to provoke the opposition to come out and to exploit any space created behind the full backs. Our first goal was like that. We played a good, deep pass which paid Vasco back for what they did to us in Sydney."

"I was a bit worried though that we couldn't penetrate. We needed to speed up the play in the middle and that's what we did by introducing Rod Brown and Jim Patikas."

"Now we've got something to build on. The players can trust each other and the system they play."

"In all honesty, we never were worried so much about the prize money because our target is Mexico and we have dared to dream about that."

"Maybe I'm psychic but I predicted the last two results."

"Of course, I was disappointed in the small crowd because we've had such good support in Melbourne in the past. Melbourne has been our home town, really. Sydney is only interested when there is something like the World Cup at stake. We've got to break that down somehow."

Clutching his winner's medal, with its green and gold ribbon, Arok said: "This piece of metal is the most important thing in my life. And look how arrogant we are — we put only green and gold on it."

Before the series started, Arok had announced the Socceroo players would get 50 per cent of any prize money they won. Their share of the \$100,000 first prize therefore, would be about \$2500 each, but ASF president Sir Arthur George

said that they would only get part of their share in cash and the rest would be put into a pool to encourage them to win the Oceania qualifying tournament against Israel, New Zealand and Taiwan and then qualify for the World Cup finals.

John Kosmina was Australia's hero at the MCG, scoring both goals as he continued to shake off the poor form that haunted him for so long not only in the national team, but also at Sydney Hakoah.

Charlie Yankos maintained his immaculate form in defence. Terry Greedy was sound in goal and Zarko Odzakov adhered conscientiously to his task as right midfielder-cum-full back.

Vasco Da Gama left brilliant international Goovani on the bench until just after half time and its total commitment and tough tackling left no doubt about the team's determination to win this match, and the prize money.

Nene and Ivan were towers of strength in defence. Vitor ran the midfield with help from Gilberto, and wingers Mauricio and Romulo were of constant concern to the Australian back line.

Spurs coach Peter Shreeves and Udinese boss Luis Vinicio both had predicted a Vasco Da Gama victory and they would have been exchanging knowing glances in the fifth minute, when Mauricio volleyed narrowly past the post after a first-time pass from Roberto Dinamite.

The Brazilians clearly had more skill than the Australians. Their ball control was second nature to them, so it was up to the Australians to deny them space in which to play.

But Australia did more than that.

In the 10th minute, for example, the Australians had Vasco back-peddling as Kosmina played the ball square to Odzakov on the right. Odzakov intelligently won a corner, which Watson took short but Odzakov's shot in the middle was charged down. Watson got the ball back but his advance towards the penalty area was halted by a hefty shirt-front by Ivan. Watson went far-post with the cross, but it just eluded Ratcliffe.

Goalkeeper Acacio complained bitterly to referee Chris Bambridge in the 17th minute, claiming Kosmina had elbowed Nene. Seconds later, Crino fouled Nene and, in retribution, Vitor chopped Crino. Bambridge had to chase Vitor quite a distance before he could show the yellow card, as other players remonstrated theatrically.

The Vasco Da Gama players appeared to be carried away with the very reputation Brazilians have of being able to score with free kicks. Vitor, for example, went straight for

goal from no less than 30 metres in the 30th minute and Romulo blasted away regardless of the distance.

Australia's opening goal also followed a long ball, but this well-struck one, from Ratcliffe, was aimed at Kosmina who soared above two opponents and headed past Acacio in the 31st minute.

As if to show that Brazilians don't have a mortgage on skill, Crino, while lying on the ground near the touchline, got the ball between both feet, flicked it up and, in the same moment, volleyed it upfield.

Australia's lead, however, lasted only five minutes. Romulo, who was playing very well indeed on the left wing (why did Vasco keep taking him off in the series?) shot from an angle across goalkeeper Greedy, and the ball bounced in off the far post.

Fouls were being committed by just about everyone. When Kosmina was brought down by Nene, he bounced the ball on Nene's head in disgust. Referee Bambridge however, took it all in his stride. His was the best performance of the 23 on the pitch.

Odzakov came bursting through from the right in the 60th minute, but Soper stayed in his way and cut off his path into the area. Odzakov, in another attack, sold Ivan the dummy and then lobbed him in a stretch, missed narrowly.

At the other end, a cross from Ivan was dipping menacingly but Greedy flicked it over the crossbar.

Patikas came on for Watson after Goevani had replaced Claudio Jose. Patikas's first contribution was a pass to Kosmina who lobbed it in for Crino running into the six-yard box. Acacio was coming out at him, forcing Crino to lob on the volley, just over the bar. They collided and Acacio needed treatment.

After Rod Brown had replaced Murphy, Australia had four recognised strikers on the field.

With 12 minutes to go, Odzakov beat the defensive wall with a free kick, but Acacio dived to his left and deflected it past for a corner.

Odzakov still was holding his head in despair as Mauricio threatened to bury Australia in a dazzling breakaway run. As he cut inside however, he was chopped down mercilessly by Graham Jennings who was shown the yellow card.

Similarly, Nene held back Soper who had beaten him, and also was shown the card.

Kosmina started and ended the move that gave Australia its winning goal. First, he played the ball down the left for Brown to chase. Brown needed every bit of his speed to reach the ball near the corner flag, from where he cut it back to Kosmina. The Australian skipper, playing his 80th match in the green and gold, sidestepped Vitor and curled a brilliant shot past Acacio, just inside the far post.

Yankos 'the key'



Spurs manager Peter Shreeves (pictured) repeated after the final that Charlie Yankos is the player who makes it all happen for the Socceroos.

He said: "Before the series, the media appeared to have a big question mark next to the Socceroos. I hope the public now has woken up that this is a very good team indeed."

"The No. 4 (Yankos) is the key to the whole set-up. He could come to England and play in the First Division with great distinction."

MATCH DETAILS

FINAL:
AUSTRALIA 2 (Kosmina 31st & 86th) VASCO DA GAMA 1 (Romulo 36th) at MCG. Crowd: 10,451 (double header), Sunday.
AUSTRALIA: Greedy 8 — Yankos 9 — S. O'Connor 7 Ratcliffe 8 Jennings 7 — Odzakov 8 Watson 7 (Patikas 66th). Crino 8 Murphy 7 (Brown 75th) — Kosmina 9 Soper 7 Coach: Frank Arok
VASCO DA GAMA: Acacio 7 — Donato 7 — Nene 8 Ivan 8 Claudio Jose 6 (Goevani 65th). Vitor 8 (sent off 88th). Gilberto 8 Mauricio 8 Roberto Dinamite 6. Romulo 8. Coach: Edu.

PLAY-OFF FOR THIRD PLACE:
TOTTENHAM HOTSPUR 4 (Leworthy 3td, Miller 25th, Susic o.g. 37th, Falco 79th) UDINESE 1 (Carnevale 43rd). Play-off for third and fourth place at MCG. Crowd: 10,451 (double header).
TOTTENHAM HOTSPUR: Clemence 8 — Thomas 9 Miller 8 Roberts 8 Hughton 7 — Chiedozie 5 (Dick 65th). Ardiles 7 (Hazard 65th). Mabbutt 9. Galvin 9 (Crook 65th). Leworthy 8. Falco 7. Coach: Peter Shreeves
UDINESE: Brini 7 — Galparoli 7. Cattaneo 7. Susic 8. De Agostini 5. Susic 6. Cattaneo 3 (lin). Papalis 40th. 6). — Gerolin 7 (Pasa 69th). Milano 7. Mauro 6. Criscimanni 6. De Agostini 6 — Carnevale 6. Mar celo 6 (Montesano H.T. 5). Coach: Luis Vinicio

VASCO DA GAMA 1 (Roberto Dinamite 35th) TOTTENHAM HOTSPUR 1 (Falco 50th) at Football Park. Crowd about 7000 (double header), Wednesday night.
VASCO DA GAMA: Roberto Costa 8. Donato 8. Nene 8. Nei 7. Ivan 7 — Vitor 7. Gilberto 8. Claudio Jose 7 (Romario 70th). — Mauricio 6. Dinamite 6. Romulo 8 (Goevani 61st). Coach: Edu
TOTTENHAM HOTSPUR: Clemence 7 — Thomas 7. Roberts 6. Miller 5 (Culverhouse 77th). Hughton 6 — Galvin 5 (Crook 53rd). Hazard 6 (Leworthy 60th). Ardiles 5. Mabbutt 7. Dick 7. Falco 7. Coach: Peter Shreeves

AUSTRALIA 2 (Crino 58th, Petersen 82nd) UDINESE 1 (Miano 68th) at Football Park. Crowd about 7000 (double header), Wednesday night.
AUSTRALIA: Oliver 8 — Yankos 7 — Dunn 7 Ratcliffe 7 Jennings 7 — Odzakov 9 Crino 8 (Petersen 78th). Watson 5 (Patikas 72nd). Murphy 6 (Brown 72nd) — Kosmina 8 Soper 7 Coach: Frank Arok
UDINESE: Brini 7 — Galparoli 7. Cattaneo 7. Susic 8. De Agostini 6. Papalis 6 (Domissini 65th). Miano 7. Gerolin 7. Criscimanni 7. Roberto 6 (Marcelo 7 half time). Carnevale 9. Coach: Luis Vinicio
Final group ladder:

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Australia	3	0	1	5	3
Vasco Da Gama	1	2	1	4	4
Tottenham Hotspurs	1	1	2	5	3
Udinese	1	1	1	5	3

Top scorers: J. Carnevale (Udinese); 2. Kosmina (Aust); Roberto Dinamite (VDC); Falco (TH).

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World Cup veteran

Vasco Da Gama striker Roberto Dinamite is a veteran of 50 games for Brazil, including the 1978 and 1982 World Cup finals series.

He's pictured at centre, with the ball, in the 1978 team in Argentina. From left, standing: Ze Maria, Leao, Cerezo, Amaral, Pereira, Neto, trainer Chirio. Front: masseur Nocaute, Gil, Zico, Roberto Dinamite, Rivelino, Paulo Cesar.

At right: Roberto Dinamite at training in Melbourne during the international series.



Spurs salvage a bit of pride

By LAURIE SCHWAB

Vasco Da Gama 1 Tott. Hotspur 1

Scorers: Roberto Dinamite 35th, Falco 50th.
Venue: Football Park, Adelaide.
Crowd: about 7000.

Referee: Barry Harwood 8.
Vasco Da Gama qualified for the final of the international series with this result, while Spurs salvaged some lost pride after losses to Australia and Udinese.

Spurs were not impressive, however, and Ossi Ardiles, of whom so much had been expected, again had a quiet game. Vasco Da Gama centre back Nene, right back Roberto and left winger Romulo — until replaced by Geovani — were the stars of the match.

Spurs made some embarrassing mistakes early on. Paul Miller, for example, lost the ball in the 3rd minute, enabling Claudio Jose to break through the middle but with Romulo unmarked, begging for the ball. Claudio Jose shot from a ridiculous position, making it easy for Ray Clemence to save.

Left back Ivan played a through ball that sent Romulo streaking away in the 7th minute but his good square ball across goal was wasted by Mauricio who missed from dead in front.

A wild miskick by Miller in the 16th minute forced Clemence to make a desperate save, pushing the ball over the bar, and Clemence reacted appropriately shortly afterwards when he blocked a sizzling 20-metre drive by Mauricio. Ivan messed up Spurs' plans when he cleared off the line a

Man of the match:
NENE
(Vasco Da Gama)

shot from Gary Mabbutt that had got past goalkeeper Roberto Costa, and in the 55th minute, Vasco Da Gama hit the lead.

Romulo went to the byline and lobbed the ball back for Roberto Dinamite to volley past Clemence at a slight angle.

Spurs replied with Mark Falco running onto a through ball from Ardiles but the flag went up immediately, and Falco knew he was offside as he fired into the net.

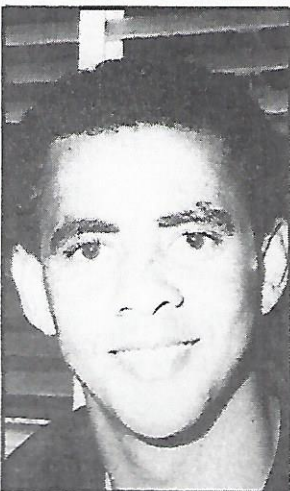
Mauricio, who had scored in the 1-1 draw with Udinese, continued to have a bad night. After another nice cross from

Romulo, Mauricio took a wild swipe at the ball, missed it altogether and almost knocked himself over with the sheer momentum of his flying foot!

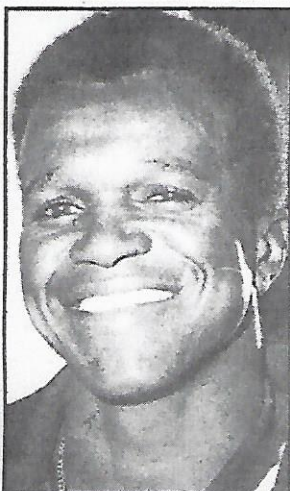
Spurs equalised five minutes after half time when Mike Hazard played the ball square across the box to Falco who, although wrong-footed, squeezed the ball past Roberto Costa.

Mauricio put the ball into the net in another offside situation, and in the procession of substitutes that followed, we finally got our first look at the great Geovani, who had arrived from Brazil during the week, after having been in his country's national squad for a World Cup victory over Bolivia.

The only other scoring chance fell to Spurs substitute David Leworthy who broke away only to have his shot stopped by Roberto Costa's best save of the game.



• Nene



• Gilberto



• Donato



• Romulo

Will Papaouannou come? Can J.U.S.T. defy odds?

Michel Platini is a world-class player. No-one can deny that but watching Juventus of Turin on SBS TV for the past year or so, I've noticed that Platini, more than any other Juventus player, gives the ball away!

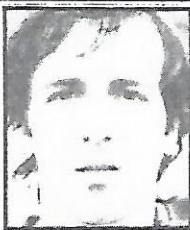
Now, some coaches — and there are a few out here in this category — would be highly critical of Platini. You know the coaches I'm talking about — the guys who are hell bent on maintaining possession of the ball at all costs even if it means playing it back.

Not so at Juventus of Turin where Platini quite clearly is allowed to try at least a dozen very ambitious balls in a match. That's because he's got to make only two or three such passes successfully and either Zbigniew Boniek or Paolo Rossi will do the rest.

It's that sort of freedom that players with great skill and flair require. If their ability is to surface fully. Yet, in Australia at least, it's just that sort of freedom which is denied such players. Not in every case, thankfully. Platini's ability to play the truly great pass never was more ably demonstrated than in this year's tragic European Cup final where the scales were tipped in Juve's favor by a stunning, long, through ball by Platini to Boniek that

KAT'S CORNER

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Lakis Papaouannou

through ball was one of the finest I've ever seen. It was struck with precision and within a split second. Let's imagine Platini played here and his first six or seven tries at such a pass were cut out. Some of the fans would start wondering if he was all he's cracked up to be. Not the Juventus fans probably because they've been educated to what the great Platini is all about.

J.U.S.T. is looking good

What an outstanding feat it will be if Footscray JUST can avoid relegation from the NSL's Southern Division. Don't laugh, for JUST is in with a chance of pulling off the great escape.

I've long been a fan of the skills of Branko Buljevic and it's great to see the veteran back in action in a team which understands that he's not a runner and plays balls to his feet.

Doubt about Papaouannou

There's been talk in the past week that Iraklis and Greece star, Lakis Papaouannou, might not be wearing Olympic colors as a guest player this season after all. Apparently, Iraklis could be touring overseas soon and Papaouannou might be forced to go along. What a pity that would be for Greek fans in



Australia, for I saw Papaouannou earlier this year playing for Greece against Poland. He's the finest mid-fielder in Greece right now and was the man of the match against the Poles.

Roos on target, now for AEK

It didn't really matter whether or not the Socceroos won or were beaten by Vasco Da Gama at the MCG last Sunday for this international series has proven that the national team is on the right course.

Beating Spurs and Udinese were real boosts and the national team players now are confident of being competitive against any club side in the world. And that confidence is going to be vital for our chances of getting through our World Cup qualifying campaign.

While this recent series was successful, it will pale into insignificance when the July-August series gets underway. I'm tipping that this coming series will be the most successful of its kind ever staged in this country.

Okay so Arsenal won't be coming, thanks to FIFA, but if Glasgow Celtic or Aberdeen can be lured in Arsenal's place, we'll be just as well off. AEK Athens, Red Star Belgrade, Torino, Celtic or Aberdeen and the Socceroos — what a lineup! What enormous crowd-pulling potential we have here for Torino finished second in the Italian First Division while AEK is bound to finish in the top three in the Greek First Division. And while Red Star didn't win the Yugoslav championship, it's a club steeped in tradition with some really big names among its players and it will play an entertaining and skilful brand of soccer. Of that I'm certain.

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Australia 2
Udinese 1

Scorers, Aust: Crino 58th, Petersen 82nd; Udinese: Miano 68th.
Venue: Football Park, Adelaide.
Crowd: about 7000 (double header).
Cautions: Soper (Aust), Susic (Ud).
Referee: Don Campbell 5.

It was 10 years ago, at Olympic Park in Melbourne, that Duncan Cummings, 17, of Melbourne-Hungaria scored Australia's goal in a 1-0 victory over China with his first kick in the green and gold, after replacing Mike Micevski in the 60th minute of play.

Mike Petersen, 20, of Brunswick Juventus, emulated Cummings' feat at Football Park last Wednesday. He made his Soccerroo debut as a 78th-minute substitute for Oscar Crino and four minutes later scored the goal that gave Australia its 2-1 victory and sent it into the final against Vasco Da Gama.

Petersen's appearance gave us the first father-son Soccerroo combination. His father, Hans, who played for George Cross, Wilhelmnia and Hakohah as a forward, represented Australia against Hearts of Midlothian in 1959.

Credit for Mike Petersen's presence in the national squad goes to John Margaritis who recommended him to Frank Arok. Margaritis, coach of Brunswick-Juventus, is Arok's Victorian-based assistant.

The victory over Udinese strengthened Arok's reputation as the most audacious, daring and flexible national coach Australia has had.

Those who have been criticising him since he was appointed for the three-match series against England in 1983 now are eating their words.

Whereas Australia used to play a defence and counter-attack game against top-class tourists, Arok's team now forces the opposition to play that way. No wild clearances up the field. The buildups are thoughtful and skilful. Possession is maintained.

Arok has given himself many options to the five-man defence with which he started against England. He confronted Spurs with two stoppers and a sweeper, plus two full backs, but against Vasco Da Gama he added another midfielder at the expense of a centre back, and against Udinese he sacrificed right back Gerry Gomez in order to use another midfielder.

• Australia's hero Mike Petersen (left), watches from the bench, along with Alan Davidson. Also watching pensively is John Margaritis, Melbourne-based assistant to national coach Frank Arok. Margaritis, coach of Brunswick-Juventus, recruited Petersen from Heidelberg-Alexander early this season, and then recommended him to Arok for the Soccerroo squad. Margaritis describes Petersen as "another Alan Davidson", adding that Petersen can play anywhere — midfield, striker, full back, even sweeper. Picture: PHIL DIAMATARIS.

Class of '74 in Arok's Roots of '85

By LAURIE SCHWAB

Man of
the match:
ZARKO ODZAKOV
(Australia)

Australia had to win in Adelaide in order to qualify for the final so, when Udinese made the score 1-1, Arok reacted with the bravado we have come to expect from him and from his assistant, Eddie Thomson. He took off midfielders Joe Watson and Ken Murphy and replaced them with goalscoring forwards Jim Patikas who went to the right flank, and Rod Brown who went to the left.

Sensing that Crino — who had scored the first goal as part of a first-class performance — was starting to tire, Arok replaced him as well, sending on Petersen. Australia then threw caution to the wind and easily could have been buried without trace in one of Udinese's breathtaking breaks, but the Soccerroos survived, through a combination of a good luck and the reflexes of goalkeeper Jeff Oliver, until Petersen snatched the winning goal, controlling a cross from John Kosmina before beating goalkeeper Fabio Brini.

It was the 27th match under Arok for Australia's A team. Of these, the team won eight, drew seven, lost 12 and scored 33 goals to 38. The home record looks better, though: five wins, six draws, four losses, goals 18-17. The only losses at home under Arok have been against England, Juventus, Iraklis and Vasco Da Gama.

The greatest achievement of the Arok era — and let's give credit also to Thomson and Margaritis — is that the players have been made to believe in themselves. No longer do they see themselves as underdogs trying to avoid defeat. Rather, they are proud men with no thoughts of inferiority. Their concern is with winning.

What detracts from their overall success rate so far



• You certainly can't accuse Frank Arok of hiding his emotions. Here the national coach goes through the trauma of Australia's 2-1 win over Udinese in Adelaide last week. At left: A pensive Arok. Centre: Complete despair. Right: Joy at last as Australia has won its way into the final of the international series. Pictures: LES SHORROCK.

is the spate of losses on their world tour late last year. It should not, however, be seen as proof that the Soccerroos are no good away from home. Rather, it serves as a lesson to avoid such hectic travel itineraries. In the World Cup there will be much more time to acclimatise overseas.

The overriding consideration in assessing the Soccerroos' achievements must be the quality of the players themselves. With Zarko Odzakov and Oscar Crino showing the way, the Soccerroos of Arok are starting to approach the quality of Rale Rasie's team which reached the 1974 World Cup finals.

Odzakov was the man of the match against Udinese. He and Crino showed as much, if not more, general football ability than any of the Italians. Ironically, Odzakov had not figured in Arok's original game plan, for he had announced that if it turned out that Australia had to win to reach the final, he would prefer Jim Patikas to Odzakov because Patikas scores more regularly.

Arok changed his mind, though, and chose Odzakov to man the right flank. From there he played lob, through balls, crosses and one-twos and also closed down conscientiously when Australia lost the ball.

Robbie Dunn, making his Soccerroo debut, was given the job of marking Udinese's star striker, Andrea Carnevale. That Carnevale still was Udinese's best player, is no reflection on Dunn, who stuck to the task he was given and even scored a goal that was disallowed by referee Don Campbell over a foul on goalkeeper Brini.

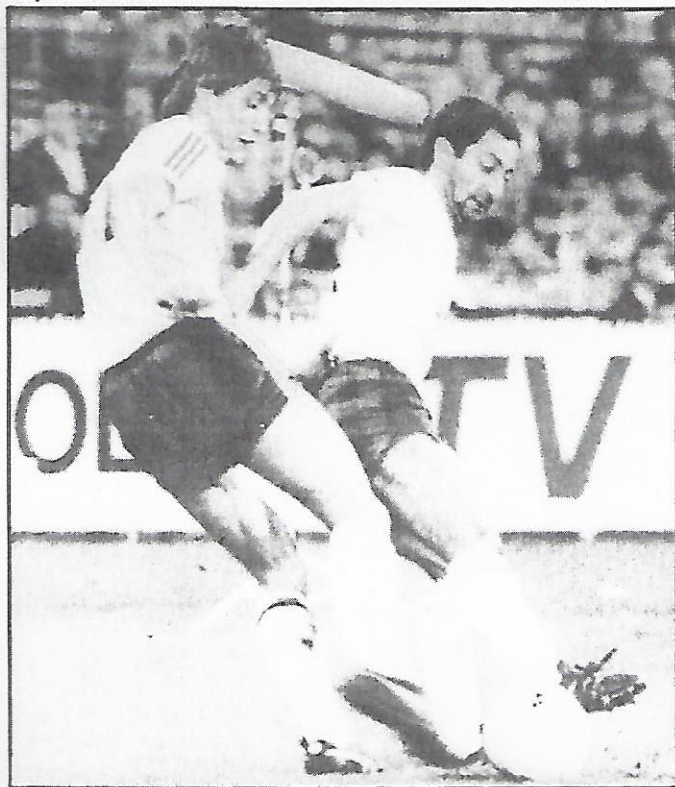
Asked why he had not used David Ratcliffe to mark Carnevale, given that Ratcliffe specialises in man-marking, Arok explained that he wanted to make Dunn's introduction to the team as easy as possible by giving him a set task. "Ratcliffe has been with us a lot longer, he knows the way we operate, and he was in a better position to get involved in play," Arok said.

Ratcliffe had little to do as a centre back with no-one to mark, but he did appear to inhibit the advance of Manuel Gerolin who, in earlier matches, had been so dangerous in breaking through from deep positions. Kosmina had his best match in perhaps 20, offering himself for everything up front, getting to the ball ahead of opponents, whereas he had been beaten so soundly by Vasco Da Gama and Spurs, and playing a decisive role in both of Australia's goals.

The way I saw it, Australia and Udinese each had nine good scoring chances, not counting the goals.

But Udinese should have had at least one penalty, and the result may have been different had referee Don Campbell acted accordingly when Ken Murphy flattened Giorgio Papisas from behind, inside the area, as the latter was lining up a shot, after having run onto a through ball from Carnevale.

That was in the 19th minute. Only a minute later, with Australia's defence in tatters, Carnevale ran into the box, slipped the ball a little too far ahead of himself and went over the feet of Charlie Yankos. Campbell could have contrived that as a trip, but he didn't.



Oscar Crino (left) versus Ossi Ardiles (right) — will the real superstar please stand up.

Ardiles was the biggest "name" player in the international tournament which ended on Sunday, yet he and the other heavies were overshadowed by elegant Crino and his midfield partner Zarko Odzakov.

Between them the two Soccerroos displayed as much, if not more, all-round football ability than anyone in the tournament.

Crino, of South Melbourne Hellas, was man of the match against Vasco Da Gama in their first clash at the SCG, while Odzakov, of Sydney Croatia, was voted No. 1 in the 2-1 victory over Udinese in Adelaide.

Ardiles was unsurprisingly Spurs' manager Peter Shreeves said the fact that Ardiles had been prevented by his opponents from stamping his authority on the play contributed to Spurs' loss to Australia.

Against Udinese, in a 0-2 loss, Ardiles was supposed to push up from behind as a second-line forward, behind Mark Falco, but he never looked dangerous. And against Vasco Da Gama, in the 1-1 draw in Adelaide, Ardiles had an even quieter game.

Crino and Odzakov meanwhile, delighted the crowds with their ball play, their zest, their confidence, the magic they weaved in the midfield.

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Death in the name of the 'tribe'



LES MURRAY

Two days after that infamous Brussels European Cup final, by mere coincidence, I made a video-hire of Stanley Kubrick's surrealist masterpiece, "2001: A Space Odyssey."

In it Kubrick depicts as the dawn of man the obscene picture of one of our ape-like ancestors discovering a way to kill — basically twisting its fingers around the end of a large bone and beating another member of its own species mercilessly about the head.

This pre-neanderthal creature appeared to get much delight out of such a grotesque exercise mainly because it was smuffing out a member of another, competing tribe.

It was then, suggests Kubrick, that tribalism, as it relates to humans today, was born — tribalism which manifests itself in many ways in modern society, including the behaviour that led to the carnage in Brussels two weeks ago.

For I believe that it was that most primitive of human emotions — that my tribe is better than your tribe and that therefore my tribe will conquer your tribe which ended the lives of those 39 people.

The more gentle, more acceptable sporting synonym for tribalism is, of course, parochialism — in other words a perfectly understandable bias for the team you follow, which is not only acceptable but an integral part of sport.

For sport to exist there have to be teams and for teams to exist there has to be collective spirit which suggests team A is better than team B and therefore team A will beat team B.

In addition, teams have to have supporters: collections of non-playing team members who share in the spirit, come what may, through hell and high water and with those who support the team "will never walk alone".

But while parochialism may be acceptable, or even necessary, it becomes obscene and dangerous once it grows beyond being light-hearted bias.

In my view parochialism in sport crossed the danger line long ago to a point where many supporters are motivated by the same primitive emotions as are those who murder each other daily in the name of their religions in the Middle East.

An example is the sectarianism that separates supporters in The Old Firm — the rivalry that exists between Celtic and Rangers in Scotland.

That rivalry has, for almost 100 years, been based on religious bigotry. For proof, and for a distressing example of how sport is used to justify bigotry at both supporter and management level, read a book titled "The Old Firm — Sectarianism, Sport and Society in Scotland" (John Donald Publishers, Edinburgh).

In it the writer, Dr Bill Murray — a Scot and an academic now at La Trobe University with a sharp insight to soccer and its place in society — gives a graphic history of The Old Firm and how sectarian bigotry, encouraged in the highest places, has led to the ritualistic violence seen at Celtic-Rangers derbies.

Though the book is a lot more than mere explanation of the Glasgow hooliganism, it does conclude that sectarianism, while it has been at the root of the financial success of the two clubs, has had its day and it is time it was excised from the life of Celtic and Rangers.

Where the source of the bigotry at Celtic and Rangers can be historically identified, and perhaps even practical steps taken to encourage tolerance within the two clubs, sadly not the same can be done with other football teams throughout the world.

In most other teams, certainly club teams, the tribal hatred is simply founded on the "them and us" phobia, and where such hatred takes flight it is very difficult to stop.

In England (and I use that as an example only because I spent much time living there)

the soccer climate is perfect for ripening hatred against foreigners.

Before, during and after every international or European Cup match the newspapers and television screens gloat self-satisfyingly of so-called injustices and make feeble excuses for losing.

They talk of how the foreigners "bought" the referee, of how brass bands played all night under hotel windows, robbing the English team of its sleep; of how the home opposition provided a ball that was out of shape.

"And tell us how was the food in Ankara, Emlin?" the former Liverpool captain was asked.

"What food? You call that to the roaring laughter of the interviewer.

Those of us who watched the 1984 European Cup final between Liverpool and Roma might remember the commentary team making tactless references to how Italian teams constantly spit, pull shirts and get up to all manner of gon tricks to upset the opposition.

What is that if not at least a sub-conscious incitement to hate?

But that is not confined to England. The world over, in every country, supporters and commentators generate hysterical affection for "us" and thereby hatred for "them" — in the name of the team, the country and the flag, scarcely offering the proper excuse for a loss.

My own countrymen were much the same in my youth when Hungary were beaten in the World Cup final in 1953 by West Germany, inventing every imaginable fairy tale reason for the loss.

I had to wait more than 30 years to hear the real reason from the lips of Ferenc Puskas: "They were better on the day".

Many of us were quick to defend soccer in the wake of the Brussels atrocities, saying, rightly, that soccer as a game is no different to others, and is not, perse, responsible for inciting violence.

But it is also true that soccer exists in an environment where bigotry, jingoism and xenophobia are allowed to fester and it's little wonder soccer is used as justification for violence and even murder.

With parochialism allowed to get out of hand, sport simply legitimises hatred.

It's terribly hard to comment on the dreadful events of Brussels; it is even harder to let the occasion pass without delving into some aspects of the tragedy and its aftermath.

It may take quite some time before emotions cool down sufficiently to examine the circumstances which led to soccer's most horrid holocaust. So far, every eye witness, every commentator and every ordinary soul has approached the question with more passion than cool logic.

Understandably one cannot get over the fact that 39 innocent people were killed because of the beastly, anti-social, almost primordial barbaric behaviour of some Liverpool fans.

Not since the menacing hordes of the Tartars and the Huns has Europe seen anything like these travelling English "supporters" who, in recent years, turned several Continental cities upside down and inside out.

I happened to see one of their displays when, in 1975, Leeds United's marauding army tried to demolish the lovely Parc des Princes stadium in Paris and, in the process, caused destruction on the streets leading to the stadium.

Of course, there were many more incidents after that. The Brussels tragedy was entirely predictable.

But not, say 20 years ago. Then the English were, as we often heard from our fathers on the Continent, gentlemen. England was re-

garded as the epicentre of civilised society; English behaviour was something every decent German, Albanian, Iraqi and half-caste Peruvian mulatto was aspiring to imitate.

There was, for one, the famed English sangfroid, the ability to suppress surprise and emotion, a pathological fear of public demonstrations.

This was characterised not only of the upper and middle classes but all of them. I was in the midst of them for about a month during the 1966 World Cup, travelling up and down the country: London, Sheffield, Liverpool, Manchester, Birmingham and back again.

I saw most of England's matches and many others; never a hint of trouble from the crowd before, during or after the matches.

Those days English magazines used to print hair-raising reports from South America where — wait — they had to erect fences and dig water moats to keep the fans off the pitch.

British reporters used to test the credulity of their readers with stories about those mad Latin Americans actually carrying knives and guns to the matches and inflicting serious injury on each other, the players, referees, anybody.



Andrew Dettre

Aghast, the British readers would find it hard to believe all this, how could people take soccer so seriously?

All this less than 20 years ago. Since then Britain, especially England, has managed to spawn a type of youth which, as Oscar Wilde would say, knows the price of everything and the value of nothing.

They have lost their empire their living standard, their pure-white society, their self-esteem and often their family cohesion; they have become the alienated, demoralised, unemployable proletariat of the Common Market, the Casbah of Europe.

Having "escaped" the ravages of war — bad luck, really — the slums of Liverpool, Manchester and other cities have produced a type of deprived and depraved youth, sent half deaf by their own tribal "music" which neither Dickens nor Karl Marx could visualise.

And Brussels was their finest hour.

Now, of course, Europe is rolling up its sleeves for retribution: at long last, the "arrogant English" will be lectured, admonished and punished at will.

No matter what penalties are imposed on the English clubs, the Brussels tragedy cannot be undone; the 39 dead will remain dead. Turin, the city which lost a whole team at the Superga mountain air crash in 1949, is in mourning again.

But will a long exclusion of English clubs from Europe and the world change the ways of this alienated English youth? I doubt it. For the time being, "attention" on home League matches. If they can't kick heads in Brussels they'll do it at Brighton, Bristol and Birmingham.

Meanwhile, the terrible danger is that England's national sport will, somewhat innocently, begin to wither away.

The banning of English clubs from Europe will be felt right down to the Fourth Division. Within a couple of years hundreds of players will be sacked, playing standards, lowered attendances cut — and the game, as such, facing a crisis.

Is that all fair to the English clubs, players, managers, trainers and 99 percent of their decent fans? Are they to pay a most terribly high price, for years, for the animal-like behaviour of a few hundred cretins at Brussels and elsewhere?

And what if that damned wall hadn't toppled over? Would there have been any deaths at all? Did those crazy Liverpool fans really go out to kill — or was it just a dreadful result of an accident, precipitated by their mad, criminal surge into Italian territory? Nobody can answer these questions and, right now, with all our sympathies going to the victims and their families, perhaps nobody should.

But FIFA and UEFA should not have made rash decisions without giving the English FA a chance to put their house in order, possibly together with the government and police.

That's what fair play would demand — and that's what commonsense would dictate.

A huge amount of hypocrisy also helps authorities evade some pertinent issues, without which there would have been no tragedy at Brussels.

Everybody knows that drink is a problem with hooligans — yet ground officials will let drunk yahoos in, so long as they pay. The almighty dollar — or sterling.

Everybody also knows in Britain that the soccer hooligans wreck trains. And yet, either to gain revenue or to depress (and depressing) constituents, British Rail keeps running these football specials.

No drink at the grounds, no drunks admitted, no football specials — enforce these three rules and you at once, cut factors or even eliminate major causes in mob violence.

That blessed revenue so desperately sought by clubs, associations, transport organisations, travel agencies and others takes precedence over everything else.

It is possible to keep football hordes from Britain out of the Continent, after all, they arrive in a phalanx and look pretty conspicuous. Surely any French, Dutch or Belgian officials can spot them — and turn them back as "unwanted". Better still, make it known in advance that they won't be admitted travelling in groups.

Unfair? Undemocratic? Perhaps. But better than 39 dead spectators.

And a lot better than banning 92 professional teams "indefinitely" when not one has been accused of inciting a disturbance, let alone a deadly riot.

BANNED!

First the English FA banned its clubs from European competition for a year. Then UEFA banned English clubs from European competition indefinitely.

Now the grand-daddy of them, FIFA, has banned all professional English clubs from playing overseas, even friendlies, and upon further investigation will fix the length of the ban.



Les Shorrock

The UEFA and FIFA bans on English clubs playing abroad are unjust, unnecessary and nothing more than political expediency.

The bans are unjust because they punish the innocent along with the guilty, while letting some of the villains of the piece scot-free. For instance, of the six clubs barred, one of them, poor little Norwich City, never has been to Europe before, while Southampton has no record of bad behaviour by its fans abroad.

The notion that a club has any control over supporters (most of whom it probably has never seen before) is a ludicrous one anyway but if that is the accepted moral, then fair enough, bar Liverpool by all means.

But if the club is responsible for its fans, why hasn't Juventus been banned too?

Is Juve so illiterate that it cannot be punished? Has the pusillanimous UEFA never heard of Juve's right-wing support, the "Ultras"?

It appears that UEFA, which under the late Artemio Franchi acquired a well-deserved reputation for mealy-mouthed sanctimony, for pussy-footing around with scandal instead of acting firmly, is intent on maintaining that tradition under Jacques Georges.

The Lobo-Soli affair, the attempted bribing of Scottish referee Jack Mowat, and the attempt to fix the Derby County v Juventus tie in favor of Juve are all too well-known to followers of European football to foster any feeling of confidence in UEFA's ability to deal sternly with European clubs.

UEFA has proved too often in the past that it is too politically-orientated to deal with the powerful Italian clubs. What, take on the Fiat millions

This is the immediate result of the blood-bath in Brussels during the European Cup final.

Here, "Soccer Action" experts ANDREW DETTRE, LES MURRAY and LES SHORROCK have their say about the bans and about the violence which prompted them.

Unjust ruling hurts the innocent as well as the guilty

and the Agnelli empire? . . . Not on your Nellie!

But give it the ready-made scapegoat, and that's a different matter. The indecent haste with which the committee meeting was brought forward a month and the decision made before any enquiry had been started, almost before the stadium had been cleared, as it were, leads one to the inescapable conclusion that UEFA couldn't wait to rid itself of English clubs given the slightest excuse.

And why, for heaven's sake, ban only the ENGLISH clubs from Britain? Has UEFA already forgotten the scandalous affair in the second round of the UEFA Cup itself, when it ordered the Celtic v Rapid Vienna game to be replayed after a Rapid player was allegedly laid off by a bottle.

Even in the replay, which UEFA ordered to be played at least 200 kilometres from

Glasgow (Ha, Ha, two hooligans masquerading as Celtic supporters invaded the pitch at Old Trafford and assaulted the Rapid goal. They were jailed, but Celtic, apparently, is still welcome in Europe.

The Welsh Cup is regularly competed for by such non-Welsh clubs as Hereford United, and Shrewsbury Town (which won it in '84), of the English Football League, not to mention non-Leaguers, Worcester Harriers, Worcester City and Stourbridge. If one of these clubs wins the Welsh Cup it qualifies for the European Cup-winners Cup . . . Will it be allowed to compete?

Just imagine if one of the Welsh clubs — Swansea City, Cardiff City or Newport County, all of which play in England and presumably have acquired those rotten English characteristics — is lucky enough to win the Cup and then travel hopefully to Europe and then is banned . . . wouldn't that cause some wounded feelings in the valleys, boys? And since South Wales is not a million miles from Merseyside, wouldn't it just serve UEFA right if galling Newport County, say, found itself playing an away tie with, say, Anderlecht in that infamous Heysel Stadium and to its utter embarrassment, extra 2000 odd fervent supporters with Scouse accents?

How foolish to think that you can ban Brits from the Continent in these open-border Common Market days.

Furthermore, while UEFA was in a banning mood, why didn't it consider banning Belgium from hosting any more such games until it had demonstrated that it is capable of maintaining order? And just for good measure, why didn't it pass a motion of censure against itself for allowing the game to be played in a stadium plainly and utterly in-

It hasn't bothered, either, to explain why tickets were on sale indiscriminately outside the ground to all and sundry, whether they were wearing red or black and white.

Why was no attempt made to segregate the fans as is done even at Second Division level in Britain.

Liverpool chairman John Smith was accused of attempting to fob off the blame when he said that what happened in Brussels couldn't happen in Britain, but he was right.

"We have had long experience in these matters," he says, "and no way would we ever allow the two sets of fans to get near other, let alone start fighting. There would be a 'no-go' area separating the two, and it would be filled with police, 400 or 500, not just 40, like there were in Brussels".

If you think he is putting the problem in too favorable a light, just consider this. On May 18, Manchester United, the best supported club in the world, beat Liverpool club Everton — which is not a club of friends when it comes to support — in the FA Cup final at Wembley before 100,000 frenzied spectators in an atmosphere charged with emotion, and in a game that included a controversial send-off. Yet there was no evidence, no trouble, no deaths.

Two months before that, in a slightly less important event, the Milk Cup final also was played at Wembley between Norwich City and Sutherland, and a feature of that game was the way in which the supporters of both sides mingled, but again, there was no trouble.

Now what baffles me is this. If soccer hooliganism is the English disease, despite what has happened at different times in Peru, Mexico, China, and even in so-called Europe, at Munich, Kaiserslautern, even The Hague, how is it that there was no trouble at Wem-

Shared sadness in Mexico City

The English and Italian soccer teams paid homage to the victims of the Brussels stadium disaster by observing a minute's silence at the start of a friendly match in Mexico City last week.

Players wore black armbands and broke with tradition by entering the giant Aztec Stadium together to stand in a single line while the anthems were played.

Just before the kick-off, players shook hands and exchanged national pennants. The match was the first between English and Italian teams since 38 fans died in rioting at the European Cup final between Juventus and Liverpool.

Barely a handful of English supporters were among the tiny 2000 crowd, outnumbered by a massive police presence estimated at up to 10,000.

Spectators were frisked at the gate by police in crash helmets. There were no reports of incidents.

The match, dubbed an "experimental classic" by Italian manager Enzo Bearzot, ended in a 2-1 victory for Italy after they were awarded a last-minute penalty, converted by Alessandro Altobelli. Other scorers were Salvatore Bagni (73rd) and Mark Hateley (75th).

England, Italy, West Germany and Mexico are playing a series of friendlies designed as a warm-up for next year's World Cup finals in Mexico.

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MAKEDONIA

By CRAIG MACKENZIE



• Heys • McMillan • Ilioski

Preston Makedonia has become the most enigmatic performer of the NSL's Southern Division and even though the rumor mongers are talking about coach Bill Murray's job being on the line, there's every indication that Murray, his players, and president John Branov are prepared to work hard to put things right and steer Preston onto the championship challenging course plotted earlier in the year.

So why has a team that promised so much this year so far offered so little?

"We still can make the top three. It's just a matter of the players getting their teeth. It's an attitudinal thing as far as I'm concerned," said Branov.

"I've always said that the difference between success and failure is very, very marginal. Maybe another top class midfielder would give us a side that without question could challenge for the championship."

That other top class midfielder could be Mile Micevski, starring with Yugoslav First Division club Vardar. He's the man Makedonia tried to sign a couple of years ago in preference to Zarko Odzakov. That's some recommendation in the light of Odzakov's recent displays with Sydney Croatia and the Socceroos.

"To be honest, it's doubtful that we'll sign Micevski but if we do, he'll be better than Odzakov. We'll still try hard to get Micevski and if we succeed it will be a real achievement for us," said Branov.

When Odzakov joined Sydney Croatia earlier this year for \$21,000 he left a midfield gap at Makedonia that some observers feel never has been adequately filled. Sean Lane, for mine the best striker in this year's Buffalo Gold Cup series, was switched into midfield by coach Murray, who refuses suggestions that the move has backfired.

"I've got no regrets about playing Sean in midfield. Our two central strikers have scored 11 goals in the league between them and Sean always puts in for me in midfield," said Murray.

"However, I take your point that that's an area we must tighten up in."

We may hear more in coming weeks about how Makedonia will tighten up that area, either through positional changes or the inclusion of a new face.

How different it could have been had Makedonia succeeded in signing either Paul Wade, Gary McDowell or Jim MacLean. They all were on the club's shopping list at the start of the season. All joined other clubs. And Makedonia missed the boat with Mike Petersen who switched from Heidelberg to Brunswick Juventus before Makedonia made a bid for him.

Can Murray's men reverse the trend?



Makedonia coach Billy Murray (centre), flanked by strikers Steve Smith (right) and Warren Spink, in a happier mood earlier in the season. Picture: CARLOS PICASSO.

Makedonia stalwart George McMillan believes that the gap created by Odzakov's departure hasn't been properly filled.

"I think we're sadly missing someone like Zarko for sure. We haven't got a player like him who can split opposing defences apart with just one pass," said McMillan.

"The defence has been letting in silly goals but I believe that the support just hasn't been there in midfield. Maybe Sean (Lane) should be up front. Maybe not. It's a tough question to answer."

Makedonia midfielder Zoran Ilioski feels that Makedonia's all-out attacking approach should be tempered with more caution.

"Maybe we're playing everything too fast. Everyone wants to attack. I think we've got to slow it down a bit and concentrate more on playing the ball on the ground, but we're still creating chances which means that we're not really playing that badly," said Ilioski.

"Surely we can lift ourselves. We all know that we're capable of so much better and I still believe that we're one of the top three teams in Melbourne but believing is not enough — you have to go out there and do it."

In some ways, Makedonia's season so far mirrors the fortunes of Graham Heys, who was dropped earlier in the year for the game against Lions in Brisbane and spent the next five weeks virtually in limbo.

In fact, Heys was one of five players, including Odzakov, who was transferred listed by Makedonia at the start of the year after failing to come to terms over a new contract.

"The club made it obvious at the start of the year that it wasn't interested in keeping me on the same terms as last year. I was disappointed at the way things went in 1984 for we never realised our great potential. I never really wanted to leave when I was on the list, and we finally came to terms when Billy (Murray) made it clear that he wanted me," said Heys.

"My attitude has changed. When I joined Preston last year and had a look at the other new players there and what could be done, I thought that it was just a matter of booking a ticket for the finals. Now, I realise that it's a matter of getting your head down and grafting for success, but I still believe that we can do it."

But back to that game against Lions, when Heys was dropped.



Sean Lane in full flight — should he be playing up front?

"To be honest, I was disgusted when I was dropped but me and Billy spoke openly about it. It upset me tremendously at the time but I'm not a quitter and when Billy decided to play me as a fullback, I fitted in okay. In fact, I quite like the position."

"I came over here as a winger but I've never really been given a chance to play as an out-and-out winger and now I've resigned myself to the fact that my career as a winger could be over."

So what does Heys see as the main problems at Makedonia this season?

"We were on top of the world at one stage. We'd reached the semi of the National Cup and we were fourth in the league, poised to climb even higher. But things just fell away. Ian Dobson played for three or four weeks with an achilles strain when he needed a rest; Con Opatins wasn't fit due to an ankle injury. Steve Smith got injured; Robbie Dunn got concussed against Croatia — it all built up. I know I'm sounding as if I'm making excuses but honestly, these injuries didn't help things."

"Winning becomes a habit. So does losing. We've been doing the wrong thing at both ends of the park and now we've got to stop the rot. You've got to stop conceding silly goals. That's the first step. I remember Yanka Banovic (of Brunswick Juventus) saying at the start of the year that the thing you worry about first is stopping the goals going in. That way you're bound to pick up points here and there, and look where Juventus is now, compared to us."

"But I've said all along that I came to Preston to win something and I still believe that we can do it. If we can get a couple of wins, then our confidence will pick up and we'll be on our way again."

There's no doubt that the next few weeks will be the most important of the 1985 season to Makedonia. The trophy that the club got itself into recently will deepen if points keep getting thrown away. That will leave Makedonia with only the National Cup final to look forward to and with opposing finalist Sydney Olympic getting over its dreadful injury run, winning the final will be almost as great a challenge as the one faced by Makedonia players over the next month.

But Murray's sticking by his men.

"We can get there, I'm convinced of it. Sure, it's a hell of a challenge but that's what the game's about. It's up to us to show everyone that we're capable of meeting the challenge head on and overcoming our problems."

Gully fails in bid for Cumming, McIntosh to Croatia

By CRAIG MACKENZIE



Tommy Cumming

Green Gully failed in a bid last week to sign transfer listed Melbourne Croatia star Tommy Cumming on loan for the rest of the season and Croatia has signed stopper Dave McIntosh from Penrith to replace its other transfer listed star, Shaun Parton.

Cumming and Parton were put on the list last week and the club claims that both players had "the wrong attitude."

Cumming has been listed a few times during his long and successful stay at Croatia but president Joe Sigur is adamant that this time, he'll stay on the list until sold.

"This is the end of the line for Tommy at Croatia," said Sigur.

"He's had it too easy for too long with us and we can't keep sacking coaches just because some players don't like them. We're going to give our coach, Domagoj Kapetanovic, all the support he needs."

Club manager Frank Burin claimed that both Parton and Cumming had missed some training sessions this year and that some of the things going on during play were done without Kapetanovic's instruction.

"Both Tommy and Shaun had the wrong attitude as far as the club was concerned," said Burin.

"Certain decisions were being made on the field which had nothing to do with Kapetanovic's instructions and we (the club) were unhappy with that."

Burin said that all the players were warned soon

that they'd have to toe the line or else.

As soon as Dom arrived, we told the players that we were not going to change the coach again this year and those who didn't like it, could find another club there and then.

Parton captained Croatia earlier this year but, according to Burin, stepped down after being criticised by Kapetanovic.

"Cumming was made captain and during that time, certain changes were made on the field without the coach's approval. In the end, Kapetanovic felt that he didn't have the leadership and support that he needed out on the field."

"The action taken by the committee last week, and it was a majority decision, is a warning to the other players. If players aren't producing or aren't complying with other aspects of being involved with our club, then they'll be penalised."

However, if Croatia, as expected, prices both Cumming and Parton out of the market, then the club will gain no financial return. That's a situation which doesn't worry Sigur.

If they (Cumming and Parton) can't find a club then that's their problem. If they have to stand out of the game for the rest of the season, then that's not my worry," said Sigur.

Gully offered \$2,000 for Cumming on loan. The offer was rejected.

"What a ridiculous offer," said Burin.

"If Green Gully want to arrange a player swap then that's another matter. We'll give them Cumming if they give us Paul Lewis."

Croatia gave Cumming and Parton the option of training and playing with its youth team while still at the club.



Sean Parton beats Chris Manou of WA-Hellas in this heading duel.

Vasil Ringov of Vardar set to join Wollongong

Wollongong is "90 per cent" sure that Yugoslav international Vasil Ringov of Vardar Skopje will be here within a week for four guest games.

They are against Penrith at home, Sydney Olympic away, Sydney Croatia in a postponed match away and Marconi at home.

Ringov, a classy forward, has to be back in Yugoslavia by July 17.

Negotiations for his guest stint were carried out by Wollongong director Bill Todorovski, who rang both the player and his club in Yugoslavia.

A large proportion of Wollongong's population is from Macedonia, where Vardar is located, so the club expects big crowds to see Ringov.

Wollongong secretary John Vilesttra said the club was trying to secure sponsors who would cover Ringov's flight, accommodation and even match fees.

Meanwhile, Vilesttra's son, Ray, has recovered from a broken fibula and is back in action in Wollongong's defence.

— LAURIE SCHWAB

French, Russians, Czechs, Dutch fill UEFA gaps

• UEFA, European soccer's governing body, has announced that slots reserved for four English clubs in the UEFA Cup tournament will be filled by one side each from France, the Soviet Union, Czechoslovakia and the Netherlands.

The places had to be filled after UEFA banned English clubs indefinitely from European competition. Each of the four countries will now send their teams to the cup instead of two.

The UEFA organising commission used a rule originally intended to fill slots when a member country misses the deadline for entering clubs in the UEFA Cup.

A statement also said UEFA was donating 500,000 Swiss francs (\$A295,367) to the families of people killed in the riot at the European Cup final.

It's the family way at Blacktown, Penrith

SIR — At a recent meeting of the NSW-based NSL clubs an article which appeared in "The Andrew Dettre Column" in "Soccer Action" on April 24, 1985, was tabled.

The article questioned the role of Penrith City and Blacktown City in the National Soccer League and suggested that Penrith City will probably not survive and that Blacktown City, in Mr Dettre's opinion, would be better off in State League.

While the clubs in question find these statements somewhat displeasing, the real concern about Mr Dettre's article was in relation to insistence that soccer is not family entertainment and his comment, perhaps said tongue in cheek, that suggests supporters should be prepared to brawl for their team.

As a result, I have been instructed to write to you to express the attitude of the NSL clubs.

As far as family entertainment is concerned, no other football code provides an outlet for men, women and children to both play and watch. It makes sense, therefore, to encourage these people as families to attend soccer, which, after all, is the least physically violent football code.

In relation to Penrith City and Blacktown City, both clubs do not have an ethnic identity which guarantees a substantial crowd base, and should be commended for their attempts to present soccer as a family sport, particularly in view of the fact that the youngsters of today will become the stars of tomorrow.

The more we promote the opportunity for budding young McCullochs, Reskopouloses, Frankens etc. to attend matches with their families, the greater the opportunity for youngsters to identify with heroes and the greater the incentive to emulate them.

As regards Mr Dettre's comments on football hooligans, it has been construed by some clubs that he is condoning violence. If his comments were made tongue in cheek, some clubs feel that such attempts at humour are in bad taste.

Mr Dettre is perhaps one of Australia's most competent sports writers with a magnificent command of the English language. Articles such as these do not do justice to the code, nor indeed to Mr Dettre himself.

— Stefan Kamasz, Executive Director, Olympic Airways National Soccer League

LETTER TO THE EDITOR



Stefan Kamasz

Battle of the giants in both divisions

The traditional battle of the giants — South Melbourne Hellas v. Brunswick-Juventus — takes place once more at Middle Park on Sunday while in the Northern Division, Sydney Hakoah and Sydney Croatia clash head-on for league leadership.

Both games have all the ingredients to capture the imagination.

Juventus, coached by long-serving Hellas coach and player John Margaritis, always comes up with a formula to trouble Hellas. So it was last year, when Juventus, newly-promoted to the NSL, beat Hellas at Olympic Park.

Juventus is even better now, but Hellas has three men who can win the game at any time — Charlie Egan, Oscar Crino and Doug Brown.

Juventus tried but failed to shackle Egan last time, with the result that the game was drawn 2-2 after Juventus had led.

Brown was in poor form then, but he's back at his best, so Juventus has both of them to worry about.

And in the midfield, Crino left no doubt about his superior ability with some world-class displays for Australia in the international series.

He'll be up against Richard Miranda — a very hard man to beat — while Paul Wade and Mike Petersen will confront Carl Halford and Ken Murphy.

The other Juventus midfielder will be either Rob Cullen or Fabio Incantapulo with Joe Sweeney and Andrew Zinni up front.

The combination between Vedran Rozic, Zarko Odzakovic and Jim Patikas again will be Sydney Croatia's major weapon at the Sydney Athletic Field but if there's one team capable of short-circuiting

the trick is to close down Rozic and prevent him from playing those damaging long passes, or to keep a tight rein

on Patikas who bursts goalwards with incredible speed.

There are a few other strings to Croatia's bow, though — Emil Dragicevic and Zeljko Jurin, for example, both of whom are capable of scoring as is big Graham Arnold.

But is Croatia's defence capable of holding John Kosmina and Frank Farina? It will be an intriguing battle featuring some of the best players in the country. I lean towards Croatia.

Green Gully and George Cross both have been angling for Melbourne Croatia's transfer-listed players Tommy Cumming and Shaun Parton, while Croatia is interested in George Cross striker Ossie Latif.

Perhaps we'll see one or two in new club uniforms when Green Gully meets Adelaide Juventus, George Cross takes on West Adelaide and Croatia meets Footscray JUST, with Josip Biskic back from a trip home.

Green Gully has to keep winning to stay ahead of last-placed JUST which, however, looks good enough to cause an upset against Croatia, since tough defender Don Macleod will be back after suspension to complement the creative

By LAURIE SCHWAB

work of Luka Bonacic, Branko Buljevic, Jadranko Kodjo and Ernie Tapai in midfield.

Green Gully, as usual, will play against its interstate opposition on Saturday instead of Sunday.

Inter-Monaro should continue its climb up the ladder by beating Wollongong, even though the Wolves spirits have been lifted by the return of Ray Vlietstra and news of Vasil Ringov's guest stint.

Sydney Olympic, meanwhile, also is on the improve, and inspired by Dave Provan from Celtic, looks too slick and skilful for Blacktown.

The battle continues! Graham Honeyman (WA-Hellas) has caught up again with Charlie Egan (SM-Hellas) in the voting for the Boral Bricks \$1500 Player of the Year award.

And Graham Arnold of Sydney Croatia has caught Egan in the \$1000 Boral Bricks top scorer's award.

Weekend NSL matches with likely winners in capitals:

SATURDAY
Newcastle Rosebud v. St. George Budapest (draw) at Adamstown Oval, 2.30pm.
Green Gully v. ADELAIDE CITY JUVENTUS at Green Gully Reserve, 3pm.

SUNDAY
Melbourne Croatia v. FOOTSCRAY JUST at Olympic Park, 3pm.
BRISBANE CITY v. Heidelberg-Alexander at Spencer Park, 3pm.

West Adelaide v. Sunshine-George Cross (draw) at Hindmarsh Stadium, 2.30pm.
Preston Makedonia v. Brisbane Lions (draw) at Connor Reserve, 3pm.

South Melbourne Hellas v. Brunswick-Juventus (draw) at Middle Park, 3pm.
Sydney City Hakoah v. SYDNEY CROATIA at Sydney Athletic Field, 3pm.

INTER MONARO v. Wollongong at Sieffert Oval, 3pm.
Penrith v. APIA-LEICHHARDT at Cook Park, 3pm.
SYDNEY OLYMPIC v. Blacktown at Pratten Park, 3pm.

MARCONI v. Canberra Olympians, at Marconi Stadium, 3pm.

Team of the Week

In brackets: number of appearances in team of the week.

DICKSON (2) (Wollongong)	NYSKOHUS (3) (AC-Juventus)	McINTOSH (1) (Melb Croatia)	NIVEN (3) (Brisb Lions)
ODZAKOV (3) (Syd Croatia)	MIRANDA (3) (BU-Juventus)	BULJEVIC (1) (Feets JUST)	
GIAMPAOLO (1) (Inter Monaro)	GILDER (1) (Gee Cross)	LANON (1) (Can. Olymp)	



• Josip Biskic — back for Croatia's clash with JUST.

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20. Kastner (SGC), Greedy (St.G).
18. Franken (Can).
17. Evans (BL), Danys (GG).
16. Runje (M.Cr).

BRISBANE LIONS 3 (Niven Pen. 25, Basingthwaite 81st, Daunt 91st) **GREEN GULLY 1** (SMALLMAN Pen 55th) at Richlands. Crowd: 911. Ratings by Ricky Rosso.

LIONS EVANS 8 — Basingthwaite 7. Stewart 8. Ogden 7. J. Stewart 7. Wright 7. Daunt 7. Coach: Gordon Arrowsmith.

GREEN GULLY Denys 8 — Young 7. Cannell 7. McLellan 8. Murray 6 — Smallman 8. Williams 6. Smart (Lloyd 32nd 7) — Lewis 6. Lucchesi 7. Campbell 8. Coach: Bobby McLachlan.

Best six for Boral Bricks best player award: 6 Niven (BL) 5 Smallman (GG) 4 R Stewart (BL) 3 J Stewart (BL) 2 Denys (GG) 1 McLellan (GG)

NORTHERN DIVISION

SYDNEY CROATIA 2 (Arnold 11th & 22nd) **NEWCASTLE ROSEBUD 0** at Croatian Sports Centre. Crowd 4200. Ratings by Eddie Katnic:

SYDNEY CROATIA: Woodhouse 7 — Basic 7. Rozic 8. Vidalc 7. Rezo 7 — M. Kovacic 7. Savor 7. Odzakovic 7 (Dragicevic 7 46th) Jurin 7 (Clich 73rd — Arnold 8. Patikas 7 Coach: Vedran Rozic.

NEWCASTLE ROSEBUD: Dorman 8 — Maier 6. Boogaard 6. M. Jones 8. Owens 6 — McQuarrie 7. Senkalski 6. D. Jones 6 — Milosevic 6 (Stewart 73rd. Todd 7. Brandt 6. Coach: Willie Gallagher.

Best six for Boral Bricks award: 6 Odzakovic (S. Cr.) 5 Arnold (S. Cr.) 4 Dorman (NR) 3 M Jones (NR) 2 Rozic (S. Cr.) 1 McQuarrie (NR)

WOLLONGONG 1 (Hristovski 83rd) **SYDNEY CITY HAKOAH 1** (Lee 42nd) at Wollongong Showgrounds. Crowd about 1200. Ratings by Knut Werner:

WOLLONGONG: Billington 7 — Green 7. Dickinson 8. Willis 8. Vlietstra 8. Gaffney 7 — Kerr 7. Bundalo 6 (Kotamandis 7. bl time). Hristovski 6 — Godzik 8. Marton 7. Coach: Adrian Alston.

SYDNEY HAKOAH: Pezzano 7 — Gomez 8. Robertson 7. O'Connor 8. Cant 7 — Lee 7. Watson 7. Barnes 6 — Farina 6. Kosmina 8. Fletcher 7. Coach: Eddie Thomson.

Best six for Boral Bricks Player of the Year award: 6 Dickinson (W) 5 Vlietstra (W) 4 Willis (W) 3 Gomez (SCH) 2 Kosmina (SCH) 1 Godzik (W)

ST. GEORGE BUDAPEST 0 MARCONI 1 (Gray 60th) at St. George Stadium. Crowd 4380. Ratings by Andrew Dotter:

ST. GEORGE: Greedy 8 — Skeen 6. Ratcliffe 6. M. O'Shea 6. Kozacka 6 (Cotton 66th) — Adries 7. J. O'Shea 6. Green 5 (Petkovski 66th). Ricoy 6 — Morgan 5. Slater 7. Coach: Frank Arok.

MARCONI: McPherson 7 — Carter 7. Henderson 7. Calderon 6 (Driene 7. 43rd). Sterey 6 — Mason 7. Gray 7. Treddnick 7 — Jankovics 6. Lowe 8. Brown 7. Coach: Les Scheinfeld.

Best six for Boral Bricks Player of the Year award: Greedy (St. G) 5 Lowe (M) 4 Gray (M) 3 Treddnick (M) 2 Slater (St. G) 1 Brown (M)

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NSL NORTHERN DIVISION	W	D	L	F	A	Pt
SYDNEY CROATIA	9	3	1	32	13	21
SYD. CITY HAKOAH	8	2	2	25	13	18
MARCONI	6	4	2	24	16	16
BLACKTOWN	6	3	5	22	15	15
SYDNEY OLYMPIC	6	1	6	13	16	13
Canberra Olympians	4	4	5	19	20	12
Penrith	3	5	5	17	18	11
Inter-Monaro	5	1	8	19	29	11
St. George Budapest	3	4	5	11	12	10
Newcastle-Rosebud	3	4	6	13	23	10
APIA-Leichhardt	4	1	7	15	19	9
Wollongong	3	2	8	16	32	8

NSL SOUTHERN DIVISION	W	D	L	F	A	Pt
STH MELB HELLAS	9	3	2	25	14	21
B'WICK JUVENTUS	8	4	2	22	12	20
MELBOURNE CROATIA	7	4	3	16	9	18
H'BERG-ALEXANDER	6	4	4	21	14	16
SUN. GEORGE CROSS	4	6	4	14	13	14
Brisbane Lions	5	3	5	13	14	13
West Adelaide Hellas	5	3	6	20	23	13
Adel. City Juventus	4	4	6	21	23	12
Brisbane City	5	2	6	19	22	12
Preston Makedonia	5	2	7	17	22	12
Green Gully	3	4	7	12	18	10
Footscray JUST	2	1	11	15	29	5

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Top vote-getters:
49. Egan (SMH). Honeyman (WAH).
46. Gomez (SCH).
38. Hunter (BL).
37. Bryant (Can).
36. Crino (SMH). Rozic (S. Cr.)

35. Wheatley (B).
34. Dickson (W). Nyskohus (ACJ). Maxwell (ACJ).
33. Patikas (S. Cr). Odzakovic (S. Cr). Hoare (B).
32. Stevenson (H'b).
31. Yankos (H'b).

Top scorers:
11. Egan (SMH). Arnold (S. Cr).
10. Patikas (S. Cr).
9. Price (WAH).
8. Latif (SGC). Jankovics (M). Stevenson (H'b).
7. Sweeney (BJ).
6. Dragicevic (S. Cr).
5. Faulkner (SGC). Smith (Mak).
4. O'Connor (S. Cr).
3. Cole (Mak). Reis (BC).
2. Zinni (BJ). Lewis (GG).
1. Brown (SMH). McKie (B).
Giampaolo (IM). Colagiuri (APIA).
R. Brown (M).
Gomez (SCH). Ward (M. Cr).

SOUTHERN DIVISION

SUNSHINE-GEORGE CROSS 3 (Latif 52nd, 63rd, Gilder 58th) **BRISBANE CITY 0** at Chaplin Reserve. Crowd: about 1000. Ratings by Ken Kontra:

SUNSHINE GEORGE CROSS: Kastner 7 — James 7. Richardson 7. Bennett 7. Taylor 7 — Lennon 7 (Mitten 54th 6). Faulkner 8. McLaren 7. Bain 7 — Gilder 8. Latif 7. Coach: John Gardner.

BRISBANE CITY: WISHART 6 — Juma 7. Milovanovic 6. Wilkinson 7. Archer 6. Fabrizio 7. Pimblett 6. Hamilton 7 — Scitigins 6. Reis 7. Glockner 54th 6). Bromfield 6. Coach: Jim Hermiston.

Best six for Boral Bricks best player award: 6 Gilder (GC) 5 Faulkner (GC) 4 Latif (GC) 3 Bennett (GC) 2 Hamilton (BC) 1 James (GC)

ADELAIDE JUVENTUS (Vidmar 2, Northcote, Villanil, WEST ADELAIDE HELLAS 1 (Hiern) at Olympic Sports Field. Crowd: about 3500. Ratings by Andrew Both.

ADELAIDE JUVENTUS: McNally 7. Tobin 7. Nyskohus 8. Flounders 8. Melia 6 — Maxwell 6. Northcote 6. Santrac 5. Vidmar 6. Villanil 5. Mullen 6.

WEST ADELAIDE HELLAS: Crook 5 — Honeyman 8. Brown 4. Hiern 7 — Aitalsas 6. Scott 5. Manou 7. Panagis 4. Genikas 5. Konstantopoulos 4. Price 6.

Best six for Boral Bricks best player award: 6 Nyskohus (AJ) 5 Honeyman (WA) 4 Flounders (AJ) 3 Tobin (AJ) 2 McNally (AJ) 1 Hiern (WA)

HEIDELBERG ALEXANDER 0 MELBOURNE CROATIA 1 (Gojevic 66th) at Olympic Village. Crowd: about 3000. Ratings by Peter Desira:

HEIDELBERG ALEXANDER: OLIVER 8 — McKie 7. Angele 6. Yankos 7. Marley 7 — Valentine 6. Selemidis 6. Tasios 6 (Motaxas 46th 6). Stevenson 7. Winn 6. Patterson 6. Coach: Brian Garvey.

MELBOURNE CROATIA: Runje 8 — Deankovic 7. Curcio 6. McIntosh 9. Hannas 7 — Campbell 6. Antolovic 7. Cristaldo 6. Markovac 6. Ward 7. Gojevic 8. Coach: Don Kapetanovic.

Best six for Boral Bricks best player award: 6 McIntosh (MC) 5 Runje (MC) 4 Gojevic (MC) 3 Deankovic (MC) 2 McKie (Heid) 1 Yankos (Heid)

BRUNSWICK JUVENTUS 2 (Sweeney 70th, Zinni 90th) **PRESTON MAKEDONIA 0** at Olympic Park No 1. Crowd: about 1000. Ratings by Craig MacKenzie:

BRUNSWICK JUVENTUS: Banovic 7 — Lewis 7. Brown 7. Dowie 7. Campbell 7. Zinni 5. Petersen 6. Miranda 8. Wade 6 (Uncantalupo 69th). Cullen 6. Sweeney 6. Coach: John Margaritis.

PRESTON MAKEDONIA: Wilson 5 — McMillan 5. Dolson 7. Dunn 6. Hays 7. Ilcock 7. Flavell 6 (sent off 89th). Oppasins 5. Smith 5. Cole (sent off 41st). Coach: Bill Murray.

Best six for Boral Bricks best player award: 6 Miranda (BJ) 5 Hays (PM) 4 Ilcock (PM) 3 Lewis (BJ) 2 Brown (BJ) 1 Campbell (BJ)

NORTHERN DIVISION

APIA LEICHHARDT 0 INTER MONARO 1 (Giampaolo 37th) at Lambert Park. Crowd 448. Ratings by Alex Vesic:

APIA: Catlin 7 — Spina 6. Bertogna 8. Maiana 7. Brown 6 — Hamilton 6. McCulloch 6. DeGeglie 5 (Genovesi 66th) — Butler 6. Caban 5. Morisello 5 (Rowden 69th). Coach: Fil Bottalico.

INTER MONARO: Hoszowski 7. Tulawa 7. Titilas 8. Budini 8. Williams 7. Willox 7. Carbone 7 (Santolin 89th). Ambrosino 8 — Brennan 7. Giampaolo 9. Tharmidis 6 (Walsh 78th). Coach: Frank Macarone.

Best six for Boral Bricks best player award: 6 Giampaolo (IM) 5 Ambrosino (IM) 4 Bertogna (APIA) 3 Titilas (IM) 2 Budini (IM) 1 Mariani (APIA)

BLACKTOWN 1 (O'Connor 24th) **PENRITH 1** (Jones 19th) at the Gabbie. Crowd: about 500. Ratings by Alex Vesic:

BLACKTOWN: Hoare 7 — Skellern 6. Daley 7. Pointer 7. Rasmussen 6 — Selvaige 8. Bradley 7. Burke 6 — Larkin 7. McKie 6. P. O'Connor 7. Coach: Casey de Bruin.

PENRITH: Gibson 7 — Brogan 6. Campbell 7. Gross 7 (sent off 88th). Toohy 7 — Hebb 7. Wotherpoon 6. Jones 6. Licata 7. Coach: Willie Wallace.

Best six for Boral Bricks best player award: 6 Selvaige (B) 5 Campbell (Pen) 4 Bradley (B) 3 Licata (Pen) 2 Larkin (B) 1 Pointer (B)

CANBERRA CITY OLYMPIANS 1 (Lamond 72nd) **SYDNEY OLYMPIC 3** (Soper 4th, Kalantzis 66th, Ogun 88th) at National Sports Centre, Canberra. Crowd: 1620. Ratings by Peter Windsor:

CANBERRA CITY OLYMPIANS: Franken 7 — Jones 7. Harkins 7 (Mihalides 86th). Byrne 7. Olong 7. Soper 7. Germanini 7. Dunn 7 (Penrith 68th). Bryant 7 — H. Phillips 8. Lamond 9. Coach: Roy Thomson.

SYDNEY OLYMPIC: Meier 8 — Rogers 7. Ziras (sent off 63rd). Stankovic (In Johnston 15th). Jennings 7. G. Phillips 7. Raskopolov 7. Ogun 7 — Provan 7. Soper 8 (Patialis 81st). Kalantzis 8. Coach: Manfred Schaefer.

Best six for Boral Bricks best player award: 6 Lamond (Can) 5 Meier (SO) 4 H Phillips (Can) 3 Bryant (Can) 2 Soper (SO) 1 Ziras (Can)



A close shave for J.U.S.T. at Schindler Reserve on Monday against Southern Division leader South Melbourne Hellas. Players pictured, from left: Branko Buljevic (J.U.S.T.), John Yzendoorn (Hellas), Tom Karic (J.U.S.T.), Gary McDowell, Oscar Crino (Hellas). Picture: LES SHORROCK.

Croatia's first half blitz leaves Buds breathless

Syd Croatia 2
N Rosebud 0

Scorer: Arnold 11th and 22nd
Venue: Croatian Sports Centre
Sydney Croatia won the match against Newcastle Rosebud with a barn-

Two Allens

Paul Allen, West Ham's England under-21 midfielder player, has signed for Spurs.

Allen, 22, was the youngest player to appear in an English FA Cup final when his club beat Arsenal 1-0 in 1980.

He went to Liverpool to discuss a possible move after rejecting a new contract with West Ham but opted to join Tottenham, where his cousin striker Clive Allen is a player.

West Ham manager Joyn Lyall was hoping to raise \$1,158,960 from the sale of Allen.

storming first half which produced the final score of 2-0.

Newcastle's second string keeper Steven Dorman had to save four times in the opening 10 minutes.

But he still was powerless to prevent Croatia's opening goal in the 11th minute, when a superb move involving Socceros Jim Patikas and Zarko Odzakovic saw the ball played square to Graham Arnold who rifled in an unstoppable drive from 20 metres.

Croatia over-ran Newcastle continually, exploiting the weak right side of Rosebud's defence through explosive runs by Odzakovic, Patikas and David Rezo.

One of these explosive runs brought Croatia's second goal when Rezo stormed down the right wing then crossed to Zeljko Jurin who back-heeled into the path of Arnold whose drive beat Dorman pointlessly.

Odzakovic, tired from the international series, went off just after half time, having done most of the damage.

Newcastle made the day more difficult with some poor

Man of the Match:
ZARKO ODZAKOV
(Syd Croatia)

passes out of defence, with Ralph Maier one of the worst offenders.

However, the home team never threw in the towel, and came out in the second half in far more determined manner after a tongue lashing from coach Willie Gallagher.

It immediately swung into attack and a 30-metre drive by Mark Jones rattled the cross bar.

Croatia captain coach Vedran Rozić was very sound in defence but was quick to single out his team mates after the match.

Marijan Kovacic, David Rezo and Emil Dragovic satisfied me immensely. They did what they were asked as did the whole team, especially in the second half when we defended," he said.



o Zarko Odzakovic, after the Socceros' victory over Vasco da Gama.



Peter Desira

Garvey quits, Bergers to go for Macleod?

Heidelberg 0
Melb. Croatia 1

Scorer: Gojevic 66th.
Venue: Olympic Village.
Crowd: about 3,000.

Referee: Jim Fokianos 7.
Heidelberg coach Brian Garvey resigned yesterday (Tuesday), 24 hours after watching his team go down 1-0 to Melbourne Croatia. As we went to press, Heidelberg hadn't named a successor, but rumor was rife that former Falkner coach Gus Macleod would be approached.

Heidelberg piled on the pressure against Croatia in the closing 10 minutes, but goalkeeper Mirko Runje, full back Drago Deankovic and new signing Dave McIntosh were outstanding in defence and absorbed most of the dangerous

Man of the match:
DAVE MCINTOSH
(Melb. Croatia)

centres swung into the penalty box.

McIntosh, who has moved to Melbourne due to a work transfer, was signed for \$6,000 from Penrith on Friday, and took the centre back role of transfer inside defender Shaun Parton.

He completely subdued Heidelberg striker Steve Winn for most of the match, dominating in the aerial duels and winning most of the tackles on the ground.

Steve Gojevic, the Socceroo who didn't get a run in the recently completed \$200,000 tour-

namment, scored the winning goal for Croatia in the 66th minute, running onto a half clearance to smash the ball home from a corner kick.

Croatia was the better side in the first half and Robert Markovic and Gojevic both had good shots on target.

Oliver also made a fine save off a header by Markovic following a corner by Jojo Antolovic.

It was the same story in the second half and the pressure finally paid off with Gojevic's goal.

The goal shook Heidelberg into life and Stevenson came close, running onto a loose ball after an initial shot by Charlie Yankov had been blocked to force Runje into a good save.

Five minutes from the end, Scott Patterson ran onto a long pass from Yankov but his shot was cleared off the line by Deankovic.

JUST GREAT, GILDER!

S. Geo. Cross 3
Bris. City 0

Scorer: Latif 52nd, 63rd, Gilder 58th.

Venue: Chaplin Reserve
Crowd: 1,000
Referee: Jim Fearn 8.

Sunshine George Cross exploded in the second half scoring three goals in the space of 11 minutes to defeat Brisbane City 3-0.

George Cross striker Carl Gilder was the best player on the park, consistently winning headers and laying the ball off expertly.

In an evenly contested first half, there was no support for gilder, particularly as his co-



Laurie Schwab

Man of the match:
BRANKO BULJEVIC
(Foots JUST)

Hellas still tops, thanks to John Yzendoorn

Foots JUST 0
SM-Hellas 1

Scorer: Yzendoorn 84th.
Venue: Schindler Reserve.
Crowd: about 4000.

Cautions: McDowell (SMH), Paton (JUST), Crino (SMH).

Referee: Chris Bambridge 9.

South Melbourne Hellas stayed at the top of the National League Southern Division ladder by beating last placed Footscray JUST 1-0 at Schindler Reserve.

Footscray, led by former Socceros Branko Buljevic who came out of retirement recently at the age of 36, held on courageously until six minutes from the end when defender John Yzendoorn scored the winning goal.

It was a disappointing result for J.U.S.T. which had hoped to draw closer to the second last Victorian team, Green Gully.

The last placed Victorian team in the Southern Division

will be relegated at the end of the season and to avoid that fate Footscray has imported midfielders Jadranko Kodjo and Luka Bonacic from Yugoslavia.

Bonacic was the epitome of class against Hellas but Kodjo was a little disappointing.

Footscray defenders Kyri Kyrikouleas and Tom Karic played particularly well in keeping the dangerous Hellas defence at bay — but the real hero was Buljevic who gave it his ageing legs could muster.

He must have been the most disappointed man on the ground when referee Chris Bambridge blew the final whistle.

Hellas used Socceros Oscar Crino and Ken Murphy, who had been in the national team that won the international series at the MCG.

Murphy was quiet but the hectic match schedule did not detract from Crino's brilliant form.

Footscray could have hit the lead in the third minute but striker Jamie Paton blasted

over the bar from four metres after accepting a cross from Zdravko Lujic.

Similarly Hellas striker Charlie Egan missed an open goal in the 28th minute after Rade Barjakovic had mis-kicked an attempted clearance.

Crino was set to score ten minutes after half time but while he was picking his spot from inside the goal area, Kyrikouleas robbed him with a desperate sliding tackle.

A good attacking move involving Footscray's Vlatko Belic and Lujic Bonacic's promising shot.

Buljevic flew spectacularly to head clear a goal bound shot by Hellas Steve Blair in the 73rd minute and then Footscray goalkeeper Dennis Boland put his foot in the way of a hard drive by Crino.

Boland, who had been sound throughout the match, managed to block Yzendoorn's first attempt after a corner by Doug Brown in the 84th minute but the ball bounced back to Yzendoorn who then scored the winning goal at close range.

ARDILES CAN'T STOP MARCONI

St. George 0
Marconi 1

Scorer: Gray 60th.
Venue: St. George Stadium.
Cautions: Ratcliffe, Sterry.
Referee: Power 7.

Even the magical skills of Argentine World Cup star Ossie Ardiles was not enough to prevent Marconi snatching a 1-0 win over St George.

Ardiles was given freedom to move in the midfield by the Marconi defence but was closed down every time he neared the penalty area.

The winning goal came after a scoreless first half when midfielder Ian Gray volleyed a bouncing ball into an empty net in the 60th minute, with Saints keeper Terry Greedy sprawling on the ground.

Strikers Mark Jankovics and Rod Brown had combined with Peter Tredinnick to get the ball into the goal area where Greedy managed to

Man of the match:
TERRY GREEDY
(St. Geo)

parry the cross with a lunging dive only to see Gray's shot rocket through.

Ardiles was a real professional and did everything that was required. We just didn't put the ball into the net, said St. George coach Frank Arok.

Marconi coach Les Sheen-lug agreed teams had changes galore, adding that St George was always a hard team to play at home.

We decided to give Ardiles plenty of room in the centre of the field to show his skills to the crowd but only in that area. Any time he was within 30 metres of goal he was marked, he said.

Ardiles needed only three

minutes to display his English first division form when he was pulled down on the edge of the Marconi penalty area after a 35 metre run, and then snatched the free kick against the cross bar.

His combination with free-running Robbie Slater and striker Trevor Morgan produced at least five scoring chances in the first half which were either blocked or turned away for corners.

But Marconi came out stronger in the second session and the speed of Brown, Jankovics, David Lowe and Tredinnick worried the St George defence.

Greedy was forced to leave his goal area a number of times to cut out runs by Brown and Lowe while Tredinnick hit the upright in the 72nd minute. Tempests flared in the final 10 minutes as St George worked desperately for the equaliser and referee Gary Power booked Les Sterry (Marconi) and David Ratcliffe (St George).

COLE, FLAVELL SENT OFF

B. Juventus 2
Makedonia 0

Scorer: Sweeney 70th, Zinni 90th.

Venue: Olympic Park No. 1.
Crowd: about 1,000.
Sent off: Cole 41st, Flavell 89th.

Referee: Bernie Upjohn 6.

Preston Makedonia not only lost the match, it also lost striker Gary Cole and midfielder Gordon Flavell as Brunswick-Juventus ran out a 2-0 winner.

Cole was sent off by referee Bernie Upjohn in the 31st minute for allegedly using abusive language after first being cautioned by the referee.

Man of the match:
RICHARD MIRANDA
(B. Juventus)

dressing rooms in the 89th minute Flavell had been cautioned a minute earlier and another bad challenge earned him a red card.

Despite being reduced to 10 men for the start of the second half, Makedonia defended resolutely until a lapse in concentration in the 70th minute broke the scoreless deadlock.



Craig Mackenzie

Paul Wade a minute earlier, started the move which led to Juve's first goal.

He passed to Richard Miranda whose cross from the left confused the Makedonia defence.

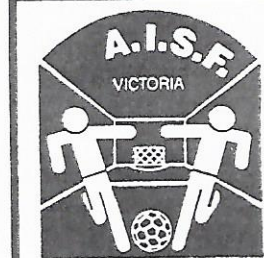
Goalkeeper Richard Wilson charged off his line too late and striker Joe Sweeney

But Preston almost snatched an equaliser in the 76th minute.

A shot by midfielder Con Opasins struck the post and fellow midfielder Zoran Hloski missed a great chance to level when he hit the rebound straight into the arms of Juventus goalkeeper Yanka Banovic.

Flavell's departure ended what faint hope Preston had and in the 90th minute, Juventus struck again.

Incantulup's corner was headed firmly by forward Andrew Zinni and although Opasins tried valiantly to clear off the goal line, he couldn't stop the ball from



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WIDMAR GETS TWO IN JUVE DEBUT

By ANDREW BOTH

Hristovski bites for Wolves

Man of the match:
SCOTT DICKSON
(Wollongong)

Wollongong 1
SC-Hakoah 1

Scorers: Lee 42nd, Hristovski 83rd.
Venue: Wollongong Showgrounds.
Crowd: about 1200.
Referee: Coleman 7.

Sydney Hakoah's professionalism was not quite enough to get them home against last placed Wollongong when they fought out a rugged 1-1 draw in the National Soccer League match at Wollongong Showgrounds.

Despite close marking by both sides there was plenty of excitement as the second-placed Slickers fought tooth and nail to hold out a determined Wollongong.

Sydney Hakoah held a 1-0 half-time advantage after midfielder Grant Lee scored with an angled goal against the run of play three minutes before the break.

The equaliser came when Zivko Hristovski swung in a goal from 25 metres seven minutes before full time.

The Wolves had the first real scoring opportunity in the 12th minute when a header by defender Ray Vlietstra from 30 metres hit the cross bar.

Australia's hero from the recent International tournament John Kosmina was wide with a shot in the 37th minute after a scramble in the penalty box.

Tackling became more intense in the second half and Sydney's Frank Farina and Wollongong's Hristovski each received a yellow card within a minute in the 71st minute.

Sydney Hakoah coach Eddie Thomson said later a draw was a fair result.

"We controlled the game in the first half then dropped back to defend the 1-0 lead," he said.

"Wollongong came back and fought for the draw. They are in last place but they showed a lot of spirit and deserved the point."

Wollongong coach Adrian Alston was proud of his side and their commitment.

"Any coach would be happy for a draw against Sydney Hakoah — they are the cream, the best team in the league," he said.



• Grant Lee

AC-Juventus 4
WA-Hellas 1

Venue: Olympic Sports Field.
Scorers: Adelaide Juventus: Vidmar 3rd, 52nd, Northcote 10th, Villani 18th; Hellas: Hiern 15th.

Adelaide Juventus recorded its fourth win of the season when it beat West Adelaide Hellas 4-1 in an entertaining local derby.

Four of the game's five goals came in the first 18 minutes of a pulsating match, which flowed freely from end to end.

Juventus was extremely happy with the result, but Hellas was not shattered by the loss.

McGachey was "pleased with the effort" of his players, but put the defeat down to a "couple of players who didn't do the right thing in the team plan."

City won simply because it took its chances. Hellas had as

Man of the match:
BUGS NYSKOHUS
(AC-Juventus)

much, if not more possession, particularly in the second half, but couldn't convert its superiority into goals.

Hellas's territorial dominance is reflected in its corner tally — 16 to City's two.

But the team that scores the most goals, not corners, wins the game.

City opened its account while many of the spectators were still pouring into the ground.

It took less than three minutes for Aurelio Vidmar, playing his first NSL game for Juventus, to get his name on the scoresheet.

His volley hit the post but he followed up with another effort and watched the ball cross the line after deflecting off Hellas defender Tim Brown.

Juventus went 2-0 up after 10 minutes with a beautifully constructed goal. Once again Vidmar was in the action, crossing the ball from the goal-line for midfielder Brian

Northcote to hammer home from close range.

The early onslaught should have rocked Hellas, but it responded in the best possible manner by pulling a goal back in the 15th minute.

Defender Brenton Hiern was the scorer, controlling a corner from George Konstandopoulos and shooting accurately from about eight metres.

It looked like Hellas was getting back into the game, but City midfielder Steve Maxwell had other ideas.

In the 10th minute he split the Hellas defence with one of the best balls you could hope to see.

With Hellas's defenders nowhere to be seen, City's Sergio Melta passed square to young Charlie Villani, who took plenty of time before slotting the ball past advancing Hellas keeper Martin Crook.

Trailing by two goals, Hellas assumed the dominance, but it could not penetrate the tight Juventus defence.

When Hellas's Chris Manou made a terrible backpass to a fellow defender early in the second half, Vidmar pounced to score his second goal of the match.

And while Hellas continued to attack, the result was a formality.

Giampaolo sinks his former club

APIA 0
Inter Monaro 1

Scorer: Sebastian Giampaolo 37th.
Venue: Lambert Park.
Crowd: 448.
Referee: Doena 7.

Former Socceroo striker Baz Giampaolo returned to Lambert Park and celebrated with the only goal of the match as Inter Monaro scored their third successive win in the National Soccer League.

Giampaolo netted in the 37th minute to dent the hopes of his former APIA Leichhardt team-mates.

Solid defensive work in the second period saw Monaro score their fifth win of the season and boost hopes of survival in their first NSL campaign.

APIA had their chances in the first half particularly when the ball came to an unmarked Tony Morsello on the six metre line in the 10th minute, but the left winger failed to finish the chance.

In the 37th minute, Monaro striker Tony Brennan slipped the ball into the centre for Giampaolo to beat one defender and shoot well — but the visitors in front.

APIA tried to make changes in the second half in an attempt to force an equaliser, with substitute striker Tony Genovese sent on and defender Arno Bertogna moved into the front line.

But the changes failed to bring the desired result, mainly because of the determined defensive work of Monaro players Ricky Budini, Angelo Titilas and Angelo Ambrosio.

Referee Roger Doenaun booked three players in the second half — Budini (Monaro) and Bertogna and Genovese (APIA).

APIA's best chance of the second half came in the 78th minute when a stinging drive by Genovese was punched from under the bar by Monaro goal-keeper Steve Hosowski.

APIA were without coach Eli Botalico who was unable to attend the match as he was suffering from influenza.

Monaro coach Frank Macarone was very pleased with the result, particularly as he said his side had come to Lambert Park looking for one point.

"I put the win down to determination more than anything, and the spirit in the team," he said.

Man of the match:
SEBASTIAN GIAMPAOLO
(Inter Monaro)



Sebastian Giampaolo.

Referee kept busy in bruising draw

Blacktown 1
Penrith 1

Scorers: O'Connor 24th (B); Jones 19th (Pen).
Venue: Gabbie Stadium.
Crowd: about 500.
Cautions: Brogan (Pen), Daley, Rasmussen, Burke (B).
Sent off: Cross 88th (Pen).
Referee: Tim Davies 8.

Michael Cross was sent off and five players were booked in a bruising encounter at the Gabbie with Blacktown always having an edge but not sufficient to win against this resolute and at times over-enthusiastic tackling machine from Penrith.

Tim Davies, the referee, made no mistake in sending Cross off with two minutes left. John Bradley appeared to have gone past Cross when Cross took the legs from under him.

Rasmussen was dishing it out at one end but mid-fielder Ian Wotherpoon made no bones with his intentions at the other end. It was incredible to see Martin Bourke booked for retaliation against Wotherpoon and the Penrith strongman escaping without a caution.

Michael Toohy upended John McKie midway through the first half and without the ball too, but the advantage was played. Cliff Pointer and Peter Jones gave no quarter. Jones is definitely not one to take punishment kindly and gave as good as he got.

With the battle raging for the full 90 minutes, very little was left for football and performances such as that of John



Alex Vesic

Larkin and Phil O'Connor, Bradley and Selva as well as Licata and Campbell, were refreshing.

Rene Licata did not set the world on fire but did manage to make a few breaks with the Demons' defence brutal at times in stopping the youngsters. Licata was the man who raced some 20 metres back to tackle Rasmussen and win possession before setting sail for the Demons goal in the 19th minute. He beat two tackles then attempted to find East-horne on the edge of the area.

The bounce of the ball favoured Peter Jones who made no mistake when faced by Barry Hoare.

A shot by Selva was just wide in the 23rd then a minute later O'Connor made it 1-1. A corner by Bradley saw the Penrith defence stand still as O'Connor raced in to sidestep into the net.

Minutes before half time, yet another good cross by Selva saw Bradley head against the post from a few metres out.

Larkin was another bright spark at the Gabbie. His close skills showed most at the ground what this game is all about and I would trade any of those brutal tackles for the fine skills of Larkin. He teased his opponents and at times looked too relaxed, but always

made room for himself for a cross or a quick burst which caused Penrith concern. Following Bradley's fine run in the 72nd it was Larkin who steadied, made room for himself then sent in a chip which found O'Connor facing Gibson.

O'Connor's sliding left footer was just wide.

Blacktown's last chance also fell to O'Connor. Cliff Pointer made the break then found Bradley who faced Gibson but appeared to run out of shooting space. He cut the ball across the area for O'Connor to miss an empty net.

But the ball bounced around

Should Gully have had another penalty?

Bris. Lions 3
Green Gully 1

Scorers: Niven Pen 25th, Smallman Pen 55th, Basingthwaite 81st, Daunt 94.

Venue: Richards.
Cautions: Daunt (BL), Young (GG), T. Redmond (BL).
Referee: Bill Monteverde 8.

It's the teams that put away their half chances that win honors and at the other end of the scale those that struggle are the ones that spurn the gifts.

And Green Gully was given a point on a plate in this match, yet handed it back to Lions.

The Brisbane Team was leading 2-1 with just six minutes remaining. Gully, who had attacked for much of the second half and had the Lions' defence in disorder on more than one occasion, had deserved to be on level terms.

Their commitment to go forward seemed to pay off when a quick move across the edge of the penalty box gave Paul Lewis an opening through a flat defence.

Lewis showed all his class in rounding Lions' keeper Wayne Evans and appeared to have the goal at his mercy, although Alan Hunter and Tony Redmond had scrambled back to the line.

But Lewis still had a gaping goalmouth in which to put his shot. Instead, though, after some hesitation, his attempt hit Hunter — on the arm as well — rebounded onto the post and fell for Redmond to clear.

Those that weren't stunned by Lewis' miss appealed for a penalty, but referee Bill Mon-



Ricky Rosso

teverde was adamant the shot hit Hunter rather than a hand-ball.

It would have been the third penalty of the match, although that was not a deciding factor according to Monteverde.

Lions opened the scoring from the spot with an Alan Niven penalty they should never have got — but Monteverde wasn't to blame.

Gully skipper Stuart Cannell was the culprit, punching the ball in a heading duel with Hunter.

While Niven hit his shot well, Lou Denys did well and nearly got a hand to the attempt.

Lions went to the break one-up, a deserved lead on their first half possession, but it was a much more positive Gully in the second half that took the game to the Lions.

George Campbell, getting good service from the ever working David Smallman, was causing considerable trouble and finally won a penalty after being fouled by Tony Redmond.

Smallman made no mistake from the spot and was a hero again five minutes later, when he cleared a Danny Wright

Man of the match:
ALAN NIVEN
(Bris. Lions)

shot off the Green Gully goal-line.

Gully continued the pressure and looked as if they might steal two points when young Socceroo Richard Basingthwaite found himself with the ball and unchallenged 20 metres out. He fired a low shot which found its way through a mass of players and into the net.

That should have sealed the game for Lions and when Lewis missed it was obvious luck was on the Brisbane Team's side.

With seconds to go Lions added another in a well worked move which saw Calvin Daunt put away a John Ogden shot, which hit the upright.

While Bobby McLachlan could have well been upset with his side's failure to find the net, Arrowsmith was delighted with the result after experimenting with John Stewart in the forward line and his brother Russell in central midfield.

But the early loss of Rob McKinnon, with a knee injury caused a defence reshuffle and Lions are still to find the right formula across the back.

A better attacking side could well have found more goals in the Brisbane backfour.

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• Stuart Selva of Blacktown

Window cleaner
helped wipe
out Man Utd

St George Budapest
gust Trevor Morgan was
a relatively late comer to
senior soccer being 23
years old when signed by
Bournemouth of English
League Division Four from
Isthmian League part-
timer Laytonstone for a
\$6000 transfer fee in Sep-
tember, 1980.

He rapidly proved himself a
bargain buy — becoming the
club's equal leading scorer in
his initial campaign with 10
goals from 42 outings

The former window cleaner
notched seven goals in 25 ap-
pearances for promoted
Bournemouth during the fol-
lowing campaign. Undoubt-
edly, the tally would have been
higher had not a \$20,000 mid
season transfer taken him,
briefly, to Mansfield Town,
where he scored six goals in 12
games for a struggling outfit,
before returning to the Hamp-
shire club.

Morgan quickly adjusted to
Division Three being the
"Cherries" top marksmen
with 16 in a season which saw
him miss just one game.

Further satisfaction came
in the Milk Cup, when Morgan
scored the goal which enabled
Bournemouth to hold mighty
Manchester United to a 2-2
draw.

United, however, won the tie
4-2 on aggregate. It was not so
fortunate the following year as
Bournemouth knocked the
"Red Devils" out of the FA
Cup by a stunning 2-0 score-
line. Although not tugging him-
self, the Londoner caused
havoc in a defence rated
amongst England's most for-
midable.

— PAUL MOON

Mr Versatility — that's McAdam

By PAUL MOON

Adelaide City Juventus should have little
difficulty in accommodating Colin McAdam in
its line-up, for the versatile Scot filled every
position bar goalkeeper for one of his pre-
vious clubs, Motherwell.

McAdam was primarily a central defender when serving original
employer Dumbarton, for which he made his debut in the 1970-
71 season.

A year later, the "Sons" won the Scottish League Second Divi-
sion title and, against all the odds, retained a place in the top
section for three seasons.

Among his best performers were the McAdam brothers, Tom
and Colin.

It was only the restructuring of the Scottish League at the end
of 1974-75 which terminated Dumbarton's stay among the com-
petition's elite.

Colin McAdam thought that \$320,000 was a more appropriate
figure, which enabled Glasgow Rangers to complete the transfer.

For a period, Motherwell challenged the stranglehold Rangers
and Celtic then had upon Scottish football, without ever being "in
at the death".

Undoubtedly, McAdam's reputation was enhanced consid-
erably at Fir Park, but he may have suffered through his versa-
tility.

Known primarily for being a utility player, he was looked upon
as the ideal substitute and often failed to make the starting line-up
as a consequence.

A \$100,000 transfer to Partick Thistle early in 1978 ensured a
full 90 minutes football most Saturday afternoons and this in-
creased activity enabled McAdam to become a prominent figure
in the Premier Division.

Although wearing the number five jersey for most of the 1979-80
season, he finished as Thistle's leading scorer with 17 goals.

Some of Scotland's major outfits now were showing an interest
in him and when his contract ended in 1980, he was eager for
career advancement.

Partick Thistle sought \$200,000 for McAdam, but a Scottish
League Tribunal decreed that \$320,000 was a more appropriate
figure, which enabled Glasgow Rangers to complete the transfer.

He immediately was drafted into the Rangers attack and ended
his first term in a royal blue jersey as leading scorer with 23
goals.

Unfortunately, goals dried up during the following season and the
fox footer was dropped, before being reinstated — as central
defender.

"I have got two players for the price of one," a delighted
Rangers manager John Greig observed after McAdam had dem-
onstrated his considerable worth in the heart of defence.

It was as central defender that McAdam spent the latter years
at Ibrox Park.

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certificates to:
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605 Leura Road, Leura,
New South Wales 2080.

This week's hat-trick her-
oes:

Sasa Brevinovic, five
goals (Footscray J.U.S.T.);
Dennis Janevski, Daniel De-
carli, Jason Ciccolallo,
David Kelly, four goals;

Stuart Burnham, David
Pincher, Robert Allen,
eight goals; Francis Ferra,
four goals; Adriano Rosa,
four goals; Paul Difore,
seven goals (Springvale
City); Gareth Evans, 11;
Guarin Marsh, 11; four goals
(Bellfield Primary School);
Alan Barrett, 11 (Barnsley)

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and his/her age.

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3. The team against which he/she scored the goals.

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"Hat-trick heroes" will
have their names published
in "Soccer Action" each
week.

Melita to topple from top perch?

After losing to Canterbury at home, Melita
is in danger of losing top spot in the State
League and this Sunday at Seymour Shaw,
Melita faces a very determined Sutherland.

For my money, Sutherland
looks a side that can cause
damage to any team in the league.
I have only seen it twice
this year but there's no doubt
that the position held by the
Sharks on the ladder is no in-
dication of the team's
strength.

Harrington and Webber are
playing better with each
other and the return of Dal-
forno and Schumann to the
side has added strength. Brian
Gray has notched five goals to
date with Peter Beggs scoring

twice in the last three match-
es. Having Craig Hall to come
back and taking into consid-
eration the experience of
Terry, Groome and Hesford,
Sutherland is in no way inferi-
or to Melita.

A point a piece looks the
most likely result but a one-
goal win to either side would
at least mean one could expect
out of this game.

Canterbury should continue
its charge into the top four
with a win against Narrabeen
at Arlington on Saturday. With

seven points out of its last four
matches, Canterbury looks the
form side in the League 20
goals to date with seven in the
last three games speaks
volumes for the side coached
by Arlington's own Cesar Men-
otti — Raul Blanco.

Manly-Warringah has
changed course in mid-stream
this season. After a very poor
start, the club has decided that
promotion to the NSL, at least
for 1981, is not on. At a well-
deserved, some resistance
being that the playing staff
will be cut and wages reduced.
Still, the club boasts one of the
best bonuses for a win, despite
the cutbacks.

Manly meets Uruguay at
Cromer Park. It is still not

known whether Stevens, Leak
and Murray will play on Sun-
day but even with its back-up
players, Manly look odds-on to
win.

Rockdale Ilinden will find
Polonia's midfield as good if
not better than any other in
State League, but the problem
that will face it one more time
this season is how to plug those
holes in its defence. With Ilinden
boasting players such as
Brown, Trajanovski and Rus-
tavevski and front and Pappas,
Nastevski and Slavski back-
ing up, it is difficult to see how
Polonia could avoid yet another
defeat.

Fairy Meadow is bound to
stroll past Bankstown at
Corrimal and thus take hold of

the front running position in
the League (should Melita lose
one or both points). Baker,
Gerald, Mowbray and Co-
should have a field day, particu-
larly during the second half
when Bankstown seems to run
out of puff.

Meadow, in its first year in
State League, has gone into
overdrive and looks set to
pounce on the lead. Player for
player, Meadow does not look
much better than an average
State League side, but credit
must certainly be given to
John Fleming for the way he
has crafted this eleven into one
of the most solid outfits in the
League.

Last but not least, is the Ku-
Ring-Gai v. Avala or Ford v.
Daleish match at Parklands

"There is nothing more that
I would like at the moment
than to beat Avala," said Ford
after Ku-Ring-Gai disposed of
Polonia at Chopin Park. On the
other hand, one does not have
to be a prophet to know that
Daleish would like to see at
his old ground. Having moved
to Avala and taking Tracey
and Jeffery with him in the
process, Daleish has not ex-
actly endeavoured himself to
Ku-Ring-Gai.

I lean towards Avala only
because of its greater fire
power. Despite the fact that
both sides have conceded
seven goals each and Avala
has only one more goal to its
credit, it appears that Avala's
front runners have an edge on
Kuringai's strikers.

Estavillo joins rugby on June 18, Argentinian star next?

Melita Eagles suffered their first defeat of
the season and at the hands of Canterbury,
the side which is coached by Raul Blanco,
Melita's mentor of the past two seasons.

"We played very well indeed
and I was happy with the effort
put into this match. There is
obviously no side in this
League which cannot be beat-
en," said Blanco after his side
soundly defeated Melita at
Melita stadium.

The shock loss has paved the
way for Fairy Meadow to
sneak up the league leader.
With the game against Suther-
land in hand, Fairy Meadow
stands a real chance of passing
Melita to take over top spot.
At the bottom of the table, it
is almost certain that Banks-
town is now looking at relega-

tion as a near thing, while Po-
lonia is not far away. Narra-
been is far from secure on
three points while Uruguay
looks fairly safe. With the ar-
rival of Julio Estavillo from
Uruguay on June 18 and the
possible inclusion of Carlos
Vitty from Argentina as a
guest player, Auburn-Uruguay
will be much better placed to
at least make the season in a
credible ninth place in its
first crack at State League.

Uruguay 0
Fairy Meadow 1

Venue: Mona Park
Score: Baker 30th

The side from the South
Coast continue the club after
Uruguayan was beaten by an
odd goal at Mona Park. Steve
Baker was quick to capitalise
after Fairy Meadow counter
attacked and that was the ball
game.

The closeness of the score-
line was sufficient to describe
the balance of this match with
Uruguay having most of the
play but Fairy Meadow being
always the more dangerous
and organised outfit. Assisted
by Glen Fontana, coach John
Fleming has moulded this
team into a very effective unit
that looks capable of beating
most in State League.

Still a Wollongong Wolves
player, with the experience of
English first and second divi-
sion football, Fleming is yet to
make himself a star in the
coaching business. If this start
is any indication of what's to
come, then the future looks
rosy indeed.

Larry Berringer and Phil
Mowbray played with authori-
ty in the winning side while
Baker took his goal well after
some good work by Phil Mow-
bray.

The last 20 minutes belonged
to Uruguay, but complaints
rained from Fairy Meadow
after the match regarding
some of the overzealous tack-
ling on his opponents.

"The match was tough
enough and there was no dis-
turbance at all until
Larry Berringer was elbowed
in the face during the second
half," explained a Fairy
Meadow official.

Melita 0
Canterbury 3

Venue: Melita stadium
Score: Dounis 72nd, 90th,
Kiran 27th.

Melita stumbled to its first
defeat of the season to leave
the way open for a much closer
tussle for the league title.
For the second time in two weeks,
Melita failed to impress.

Only two wins in the last six
matches and some less than
adequate displays are less

NSW State League
with ALEX VESIC



Scores: Sutherland 10th, 55th,
Goldsworthy 60th, Sobczyk 20th.

than pleasing to the large Mal-
tese following of this club.

In the match against
Canterbury, Don Allen could
have swung the game Melita's
way early but once Canterbury
got in front things were always
going to be difficult for the
home side.

Paul Kirwan did the damage
by scoring a great goal after 27
minutes to set the stage for a
great contest in the second
half. But the longer the game
went, the more secure
Canterbury looked. Frustration
showed in Melita's play after
Jay O'Rourke failed to
convert his penalty kick in the
60th minute. Barry Walker
was tackled unfairly by Karis-
piros inside the area and the
referee had no hesitation in
giving Melita its chance from
the spot.

O'Rourke took an almighty
run-up, almost 15 metres, then
calmly placed his shot for
Hummel to save.

Canterbury put the issue
beyond doubt with 18 minutes
to go. A back pass by Rich-
ard Mullen was too short and
Rich-
ard Mullen raced out to col-
lect. Louis Dounis went in for
a 50-50 ball which Mullen com-
pletely missed, allowing
Dounis to stroll in and score.

Canterbury set back for
most of the match allowing
Melita to come forward in
droves then attacked with
venom on the break.

With time running out,
Dounis was perfectly placed to
run onto a through ball and
score to make it 3-0.

Sutherland 5
Bankstown 0

Venue: Seymour Shaw Park
Score: Tasker 23rd, Gray 51st,
72nd, Beggs 60th, Terry 83rd.

Sutherland took some time
to warm up to its task before
soundly defeating Bankstown
at Seymour Shaw. Bankstown
offered some resistance
during the first period and had
its chance to cut arrears to one
goal after 55 minutes.

The home side was then
goals up by then. Ross Tasker
opened the scoring in the 23rd
with Brian Gray adding the
second in the 50th. Burroughs
saved a penalty by Bankstown
in the 55th but was a judged to
have moved. Hosseini took the
second kick but struck his shot
wide!

Bankstown lacks stamina,
purpose and a will to succeed.
Peter Beggs scored on the
hour to signal the final on-
slaught by the Sharks with
Gray and Terry adding a goal
each in the closing stages to
make matters complete.

Polonia 1
Ku-Ring-Gai 3

Venue: Chopin Park
Score: (Croydon City): David
Price, four goals; Daniel
Docherty, Ian Whitnell,
Kevin Docherty (Kuringai
United); Craig Howell, 7;
Daniel Pring, 6 (Moorebank);
Ante Kovacevic, 11;
seven goals; David Orchard,
11; five goals; Goran Stan-
kovic, 10; six goals; George
Dinas, 11; four goals; Tony
Devic, 11; Zoran Odzovka,
10 (Footscray West Primary
School); Howard Voe, Mat-
thew Sharpe, Justin Sharpe,
Justin Sebanno (Beaumaris);
Peter Tiki (Karingal); four
goals; (Fyarrville); Steve
Lazaros, four goals (South
Oakleigh); J Tsakiris, 15
(Clarendale); Leigh Schall-
hammer, 7; Andrew Buzi-
nov, 9 (Albion Rovers);
Damon Cooper (Doncaster
Rovers); Rino Carrozza, 15
(Brunswick Juventus);
Adam Ingles, 13 (Ver-
mont)

Polonia soon should do much
better. That was the comment
generally heard around Chopin
Park despite this latest loss
against Ku-Ring-Gai. Polonia
played well and dominated
midfield for most of the match
but failed to capitalise on
some openings.

At the other end of the scale,
Ku-Ring-Gai is getting strong-
er by the week. Dennis Ford
rested three of his star play-
ers, Curtis, Eilam, Bass and
Bennett were missing from
the line-up. Late in the game,
Eilam came on for Bourke
while the other three did not
get a start.

Ku-Ring-Gai scored first
through Lee Sutherland. After
two early misses (McKegan
headed wide in the 1st, then
Nile missed from metres in
front in the 7th) Ku-Ring-Gai
attacked through Alan Barker.
His through ball saw Lee Suther-
land run through to score in
the 10th minute.

Polonia was stunned into
action after that goal and a
short siege of Andrew Lacey's
goal was followed by a per-
fectly executed goal from a
free kick by Jenek Sobczyk.
His chip floated over the
"wall" and inside the near
Post Lacey died in vain but
despite his touch the ball came
off the post and into the net.

Sutherland was on the spot
aged to be a first timer from
the edge of the area to give his
side the lead in the 55th, then
Goldsworthy scored from the
penalty spot five minutes later
after Marcon brought down
McKegan inside the area.

That was the end of Polonia
despite the gallant effort put
up by the home side in the
closing stages.

Avala 1
Manly 1

Venue: Knights Park
Score: Jeffery 38th, Leak 69th.

There was drama at Fair-
field before, during and after
Avala took on Manly Warringah.
The local crowd ca-
nuckled the match without in-
forming Avala suggesting that
the ground was unplayable but
quick action by Avala officials
and NSW federation and the
game was on again.

Then came the performance
of the young referee, C. Smith.
Both clubs complained bitterly
about the refereeing. Six yel-
low cards were issued as
Smith tried to control tempers
and the crowd was incensed by
the time the game ended. The
police were called in to control
the crowd as Avala supporters
hurled abuse at the ref at the
end of the game.

Avala slipped further back
in its plight to catch Melita
Eagles after this 1-1 draw with
Manly Warringah. Avala could
take some consolation from
the fact that its star striker,
Glen Jeffery, struck home his
second goal of the season and
his first in the last six match-
es.

Jeffery was on hand to hook
the ball home from close range
after Gogic failed to cover
Avala's striker. For Gogic,
who had a fine game, this was
his only error.

Manly came back to domi-
nate proceedings during the
second period and scored a
great goal through Steve Leak.
The tall striker, who substi-
tuted for Dudley Fox at half
time, ran across the face of
the penalty area before hitting
an unstoppable drive which
cleared out the cobwebs in the

Skyrack State League table	W	D	L	F	A	Pt
MELITA EAGLES.....	6	3	1	21	3	15
FAIRY MEADOW.....	6	2	1	13	5	14
AVALA.....	4	5	1	15	7	13
KU-RING-GAI.....	5	3	1	14	7	13
Canterbury.....	4	3	2	16	11	10
Sutherland.....	4	2	2	17	8	10
Manly Warr.....	3	3	2	11	9	9
Rockdale.....	2	4	2	9	8	8
Uruguay.....	1	3	4	6	12	5
Narrabeen.....	1	5	2	14	3	3
Polonia.....	0	1	7	5	21	1
Bankstown.....	0	0	7	1	18	0

URUGUAYAN 0 FAIRY MEADOW 1 (Baker 30th), at
Mona Park.

URUGUAYAN Rosano 7. — Jones 6, Piris 8, Planinic 7, Kralovic 6,
— Hasy 6, Strabelo 7 (Carizozo 55th — 6), Fernandez 6 (Pagano
55th & 6), Rodas 6, O'Shane 5th Menemis 6.
FAIRY MEADOW Young 8. — Chibby 7, Berringer 7, Jones 7, Mor-
lando 7. — Piel 7 (White 88th), Mowbray 8, Gerald 7, Richardson 7
(Sweeney 88th). — Baker 8, Fontana 8.

MELITA EAGLES 0 CANTEBURY 3 (Dounis 72nd,
90th, Kiran 27th) at Melita Stadium.

MELITA Eagles 6. — McCoy 6, Wilson 7, McAusland 7, O'Rourke 5,
Farrugia 6, Davies 6, Griffiths 7. — Laing 5, Walker 6, Allan 6.
CANTEBURY: Hummel 8. — Karaspiros 7, Radman 9, Pena 7,
Hantzis 7. — Anagnostopoulos 7 (Etimades 67th), Ortega 7, Basterfield
7. — Borges 7, Dounis 8, Kirwan 8.

POLONIA 1 (Sobczyk 20th) KURINGAI 3 (Sutherland
10th, 55th, Goldsworthy 60th Pen) at Chopin Park.

POLONIA Marcon 7. — S. Colluso 7, Vujinovic 8, Falzon 6, Lasek 6
(73rd Brown). — D. Colluso 7, Kodor 7 (73rd Caleran), Sobczyk 8.
Mamah 6, Pop 6, Janic 7.
KU-RING-GAI Lacey 8. — Keven 7, Bertram 6, Watson 7, Gold-
sworthy 7. — Bourke 6 (73rd Eilam), Oigley 6, Sutherland 9. — Nile 8,
Hunter 5, McKegan 5.

SUTHERLAND 5 (Gray 51st, 72nd, Beggs 60th, Tasker
23rd, Terry 83rd) BANKSTOWN 0 at Seymour Shaw
Park.

SUTHERLAND Burchmore 7. — Terry 7, Dallomo 7 (Hesford 75th),
Burrows 8, Nelson 7. — Tasker 7, Groome 8, Harrington 8, Webber 8.
— Gray 8, Beggs 8.
BANKSTOWN: not available.

AVALA 1 (Jeffery 38th) MANLY 1 (Leak 69th) at
Knights Park.

AVALA Thurlow 7. — Jordan 7, Lembray 8, Divani 7, Dobson 6.
— Lucchesi 6 (Tracey 84th), Adagic 7, Cootes 6, Martinez 6 (Anderson
81st), Carney 7, Jeffery 6.
MANLY Barker 7. — Gogic 7, Pearce 7, J. Dick 8, J. Barker 6,
Holloway 6, Fox 5 (Leak 46th).

DOUNIS TOP SCORER

Louis Dounis of Canterbury is the leading
scorer in the NSW State League. His two
goals against Melita last weekend have given
him a one-goal lead over Melita ace Barry
Walker in the race for top scorer honors this
season.

Here are the leading
scorers:
7 — Dounis (CM)
6 — Walker (ME)
5 — Sutherland (K), Gray
(S)
4 — Anagnostopoulos (C.M.),
Mowbray (FM), Allan (ME),
R. Brown (RI), O'Shane (U),
Carney (A), Kirwan
(CM), Fontana (FM), Camp-
bell (MW)

KIWIS LEAD 8-0 ON AGGREGATE

A hat-trick by former Barnsley professional
Colin Walker spearheaded New Zealand to a
5-0 win over Fiji in the first game of a three-
match series.

Billed as a friendly international, the match was certainly that,
with none of the expected fire from a Fijian side which looked out
of touch and showed little of the style which had recently earned
it a 3-0 win over English first division side Newcastle United.
After conceding two goals in two minutes half an hour into the
match, the Kiwis never really sparked except for a brief rally
towards the end of the game.

New Zealand coach Kevin Fallon said the game lost all com-
petitiveness after his side had scored the third goal and the win
had, in fact, been too easy.

"Fiji opened well but they lost confidence after the third goal,
but I'm sure they'll improve as the week progresses."

Score: NEW ZEALAND 5 (C. Walker 3, K. Hagan, G. Little
goals) FIJI 0.

But despite a big improvement by Fiji, New Zealand ran out 3-0
winner in the Gisborne match.

NZ began well and deserved its 2-0 half-time lead.
But Fiji looked a different in the second spell and was most
unlucky not to score at least once.

NZ's third goal 14 minutes into the second half had an element of
luck. Defender Faizal Shah misjudged a long clearance and
Walker dribbled round the goalkeeper to score.

Fiji dominated the last quarter of the game but was kept out by
some good saves from goalkeeper Clint Gosling.
The Fijians produced some brilliant individual touches but did
not always combine well.

The third and final match of the series will be played at Auck-
land this Friday night.

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DI MARTINO BLOWS IT, MILA'S MAGIC WINS IT

**Thomastown 0
Polonia 1**
*Scorer: Mila 82nd.
Venue: Partridge Reserve.*

A penalty saved in the 33rd minute and a brilliant free kick taken in the last eight minutes denied Thomastown a well deserved win.

Polonia was on the defensive for the majority of the game but managed to take home the points thanks to Stefan Mila.

The Red Devils bombarded the Polonia goal but Dzielakowski was impassable.

In the first 15 minutes, the Polonia keeper made seven spectacular saves, all from

headers from Flaherty, Lalik, Alizzi, Flaherty, Lalik and once again Flaherty.

Polonia had its first chance after 21 minutes when Little and Warzawski caught the Thomastown defence flat-footed but Cosentino managed to block the final shot.

In the 33rd minute, Thomastown should have taken the lead. Brian Flaherty was felled in the penalty box by Dzielakowski and referee Grant whistled for the penalty.

Brendan Lalik usually takes the spot kicks but, against his old club, had decided not to take them. Nino Di Martino eventually shot from the penalty spot and his attempt was saved by Dzielakowski who de-

flected the ball over with his foot as he was falling to the ground.

In the last seconds of the first stanza, Di Martino forced a corner from the ever alert Dzielakowski.

In the second half, Polonia was favoured by the strong wind and immediately came out of defence. In the 50th minute, Rapowicz punched clear from Warszawski.

Then Dzielakowski was called upon to make consecutive saves in the 60th minute.

Thomastown seemed determined to win the game whilst Polonia was happy to let the

opposition come forward, and counter-attack whenever possible.

The deadlock was broken in the 52nd minute, following a free kick outside the Thomastown penalty box on the left side of the park.

Przybyla and Mila stood on the ball and keeper Rapowicz set up the defensive wall. Mila took a short run and let go with a bullet-like shot that rounded the wall and beat Rapowicz who could do very little to stop the ball.

Immediately, Mila collapsed and had to be helped off with a thigh injury, the extent of which won't be fully known until later this week.

Although Thomastown had made the play, it was the more experienced Polonia which picked up two valuable points.


Stefan Mila

GREAT GOAL BY GARVEY

**Springvale 2
Dinamo 2**
*Scorers: Garvey 61st, Nelson 71st (Spring); Kuna 65th, Batynovic 80th (Dinamo).
Venue: Ross Reserve.*

There's no doubt that Dinamo was served far better by this point however, it now seems almost certain that both Dinamo and Springvale are going to be among the clubs struggling to avoid the drop.

Neither Springvale nor Dinamo are strong at the back. It's Springvale which is better up front, provided Neil Garvey gets back into top form. Dinamo sadly misses its leading scorer, Dennis Morovic, but he hopes to have recovered

from ankle ligament problems within a fortnight. The sooner the better as far as Dinamo is concerned.

Springvale should have scored in the first minute when a superb Garvey dummy sent Gordon Bentley through. Although Mato Grigic did well to come off his line and block Bentley's shot, there's no doubt that Bentley should have made much more of the one-on-one situation he found himself in.

Jim Nelson was dropped back into midfield and lined up against Branko Culina but as the first half wore on, Culina started to wander and Nelson didn't pick him up, so it seems that Nelson wasn't given specific man-marking duties.

In the 8th minute, Danny Dezic's long drive whistled just over the bar and two minutes later, Steve Grigic and Zdenko Brkijacic got mixed up, enabling Joe D'Amico to get a strike in at goal but Mato Grigic got down well to save at the near post.

A long free kick by Steve Grigic in the 15th minute was just missed by Kuna, who was attempting a header. The ball bounced up awkwardly in front of Perry Mur who was forced to punch clear.

Kuna shot wide with a first time effort in the 23rd minute after Mur had punched clear following a Ned Batynovic cross from the right and almost from that point on, the first half became a dull, colourless affair.

In the second half, the Vales poured on the pressure early and Bentley was denied by the woodwork twice within seven minutes. In the 48th minute, Bentley missed with his at-

tempt to head on at the near post. Brkijacic's clearance was poor, and Bentley lobbed the ball onto the bar. Then in the 55th minute, Springvale put together a fine move.

Keith Humble got down the right and crossed to the far post. Keith Adams headed back across goal and Bentley's header struck the bar.

Three minutes later, Garvey turned well and struck a low shot which Mato Grigic fumbled at the near post but recovered to push out just before the incoming Nelson could get a touch.

Springvale's pressure paid off when Garvey scored a

great goal in the 61st minute. He tried to slip the ball to Bentley on the left of the Dinamo area but it was a poor pass. However, Bentley, who intercepted by sliding down, only could knock the ball kicked to Garvey, who then slipped to two defenders, waltzed cheekily around Mato Grigic then slotted the ball into the unguarded goal.

A Springvale official, obviously not the club's public relations man, had greeted me earlier in the day with: "Oh, no. Not you again. We always lose when you come. Why don't you go up the road a bit further and watch Doveton?" Goodness knows what he was thinking as the next 30 minutes unfolded.

Four minutes after Garvey's goal, scores were level. Kuna ran onto Kustura's through ball and slipped the ball wide of Mur.

But the Vales hit back in the 71st minute with the best goal of the game. Ned Bannan's far post cross was headed across goal by D'Amico to Nelson who sidefisted home first time to make it 2-1.

But Dinamo wouldn't lie down and in the 80th minute it snatched a second equaliser. Culina's free kick from the right of the Vales area, sent the ball to the far post. Big left back Steve Grigic had come forward and he headed back to Batynovic, whose mistimed shot struck a defender and trickled past stranded Mur.

CAULFIELD SNATCHES LATE EQUALISER

**CAULFIELD CITY 1
(Trotter 86th) NUNAWADING CITY 1 (Pote 44th)
Victorian First Division
match at Duncan McKinnon Reserve, Saturday.**

CAULFIELD CITY: Hawke, Bitsonis, Taitidis, Koullacous, Kontos, Trotter, Abram (Hamasidis 67th), Amanatidis, Zemanik (Theodoridis — 43rd), Topalidis, Sahinidis.

NUNAWADING CITY: Majder, Brown, Moyle, Burt, Deane, Mullett, Greenwald, Nellies, Roggers, Middlemast, Pote.

A late equaliser gave Caulfield City a point that it scarcely deserved as a determined Nunawading played well enough and created enough chances to have sealed the game earlier.

The wind made control of the

ball difficult but Nunawading chased and harried all day. Hawke made one good and one lucky save from Middlemast before Nunawading took the lead almost on the stroke of half time.

Deane, chasing a long ball out of defence, won a throw-in near the corner flag. His quick throw was flicked on by Middlemast and Pote, stopping low, headed into the far corner.

Playing with the wind in the second half Caulfield pressed forward but apart from a close range miss from Sahinidis, spent too much time pumping long balls forward that the Nu-

nawading defence dealt with comfortably.

In the 80th minute, Middlemast fired from the edge of the area and the ball rebounded from Hawke. Pote picked up the rebound but the ball struck Hawke's outstretched leg and trickled past the post for a corner. Shortly after, Nellies went close with a good shot but Hawke foiled Pote after he had been released by a perfect through ball from Roggers.

Instead of going further behind, Caulfield survived and with four minutes to go, a cross from Amanatidis was headed home by Trotter to leave the home side unbeaten in its last eight games.

Two great goals by Gamaras

WAVERLEY CITY 2 (Gamaras 2nd, 53rd) NORTH GEELONG 0. Victorian Second Division match at Hume Reserve, Geelong, Saturday.

WAVERLEY CITY: Darch, Coult, Patterson, Dixon, Wilson, Cooper, Willocks, Drouge, Gamaras, Gamaras, Compton.

Waverley City stormed back to the forefront of the Second Division promotion race with a decisive 2-0 over second-placed North Geelong.

The victory was laid on a foundation of tight marking and swift counter attacking, which nullified the skilful North Geelong team.

Striker Tommy Gamaras put a stamp of class on the game with two superb goals. His first, in the second minute, was a looping header that deceived North Geelong's goalkeeper.

Gamaras's second goal was finishing of the highest order and took his tally to 12 for the

season. As with the first goal, Terry Grimwade supplied the cross and Gamaras left the keeper helpless, this time with a remarkable volley on the turn from the edge of the penalty area.

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OLONIA	6	3	3	26	14	15
F'STON PINES	5	4	3	23	17	14
Box Hill	5	4	3	23	18	14
Thomastown	5	4	3	18	15	14
Fawkner	5	2	5	22	16	12
West Suburbs	4	4	4	15	16	12
Northcote	4	3	5	18	18	11
Albion Turk Gucu	4	2	6	11	19	10
Wilhelmina	3	3	6	10	21	9
Springvale	2	3	7	10	17	7
St. Alb. Dinamo	3	1	8	13	33	7
Knox City	2	2	8	8	29	6

SPRINGVALE CITY 2 (Garvey 61st, Nelson 71st) ST ALBANS DINAMO 2 (Kuna 65th, Batynovic 80th) at Ross Reserve, Saturday.

SPRINGVALE CITY: Perry Mur 6 — K. Humble 7, Bannan 6, Luyten 6, Shaw 6 — Luca 7, Adams 8, Nelson 7 — D'Amico 6, Garvey 7, Bentley 6. Coach: Ian Greener.

ST ALBANS DINAMO: M. Grigic 6 — Kustura 7, Brkijacic 6, Bozic 6, S. Grigic 7, Culina 7, Dezic 6 (inj. Pavlovic 75th), Batynovic 7, Leric 6 — Bruno 6, Kuna 6. Coach: Tony Vrat.

Best three for Schipano Player of the Year award: 3 Adams (Spring), 2 Kustura (Dinamo), 1 Luca (Spring).

FAWKNER 0 CROYDON 3 (French penalty 55th, penalty 85th, 89th) at Smith Reserve, Saturday.

FAWKNER: Terzini 8 — Lia 6, Fattore, Macleod 7, Hobson 7 — Ogleby 6, Boyle 7, Mancinelli 7 — Palinkas 7, Cozzella (inj. Di Cecco 30th), Loughane 6. Coach: Pepe Carrasco.

CROYDON: Whitehead 8 — Brown 7, O'Reilly 6, Singleton 7, Tansey 8 — Beech 9, Kerr 7 (Bates 88th), Livingston 7 — Ollerton 8, French 8, Brogan 8. Coach: Peter Ollerton.

Best three for Schipano Player of the Year award: 3 Beech (Lroy), 2 Ollerton (Croy), 1 French (Croy).

BOX HILL 3 (A. Humble 15th, Hughes 35th, Verechia 45th) FRANKSTON PINES 2 (Thomas penalty 4th, McGinnigle 25th) at Wembley Park, Saturday.

BOX HILL: Harrison 7 — McPhee 7, McMillan 7, Basic 8, Roodhouse 7 — Azzopardi (inj. Taylor 30th), Hughes 8, Hennessy 7, White (inj. Lawler 10th), 7 — A. Humble 7, Verechia 7. Coach: Keith Webster.

FRANKSTON PINES: Janssen 6 — Cumming 7, Thurlow 7, Cullen 5 (Lawson H.T. 7), Ferris 6, Cooke 6, Ross 8 (inj. Rust 75th), Dick 6 — McGinnigle 8, Webster 7, Thomas 6. Coach: Danny McMillan.

Best three for Schipano Player of the Year award: 3 Hughes (Box Hill), 2 Ross (Pines), 1 Basic (Box Hill).

ALBION TURK GUCU 0 NORTHCOTE 2 (P. Constantinou 21st, Patsakos 87th) at Selwyn Park, Saturday.

ALBION TURK GUCU: W. Bryden 4 — Douglas 5, Jovicic 4, Gilmore 6, Gatt 4 (Behic 62nd) — S. Latif 4, Reilly 4, Alfonso 4 (Bennett 88th), Eminovic 4 — T. Latif 4, Patsam 4. Coach: Tommy Traynor.

NORTHCOTE: Gianoopoulos 6 — Patinoitis 7, Bozic 8, Cutler 6, Kouremenos 6 — Bekaris 6, Toro 6, Wilson 6 — Filippis 6, P. Constantinou 6, Patsakos 6. Coach: Jimmy Pyrgolios.

Best three for Schipano Player of the Year award: 3 Bozic (North), 2 Gilmore (Albion), 1 Patinoitis (North).

KNOX CITY 0 WESTERN SUBURBS 0 at Egan Lee Reserve, Saturday.

KNOX CITY: McTurk 7 — Loy Saisi 7, Bissinger 9, Tunstall 7, Murray 5 — Pate 7, Smith 6, Lucio Saisi 6 (Turner 75th) — G. Bakker 7, Phillips 5 (Roddis 60th), Wild 5. Coach: Duncan Smith.

WESTERN SUBURBS: Apostolidis 7 — Beattie 7, Dimovski 8, Esposito 8, Lekkas 6 (Howe 70th) — K. Coyte 7, Stuck 7, Palmariotti 6 — Tuck 7, McGuinness 7, Kakantonis 6 (Condiis 70th). Coach: Jimmy Condiis.

Best three for Schipano Player of the Year award: 3 Bissinger (Knox), 2 Dimovski (WS), 1 Esposito (WS).

MORWELL FALCONS 4 (Bruns 19th, Bingham 46th, Athersych 60th, 70th) RINGWOOD WILHELMINA 0 at North Crinigan Reserve, Saturday.

MORWELL FALCONS: Blasby 8 — Bingham 8, Bruns 8, Tullis 8, Train 8 — McGorran 8, MacLean 9, O'Callaghan 8, Cassar 8 (inj. J. van Baar 80th) — Stilton 8 (inj. T. van Baar 80th). Athersych 8. Coach: Jimmy Dunne.

RINGWOOD WILHELMINA: Lee 7 — Haupt 8, Murray 7, Corke 4, Shannon 6, Wells 6 (Ikebede 60th), van Egmond 6 (inj. Meyer 65th), Storm 5, Burton 6 — Myhill 5, Stewart 7, Coach: G. Paton.

Best three for Schipano Player of the Year award: 3 MacLean (Morw), 2 Athersych (Morw), 1 Haupt (RW).

THOMASTOWN 0 POLONIA 1 (Mila 82nd) at Partridge Reserve, Saturday.

THOMASTOWN: Rapowicz 7 — Di Berardino 6, Cosentino 9, Smale 8, Accorci 8 — Dallas 7, Di Martino 7, B. Coyne 6 (Comar 75th) — Lalik 6, Alizzi 6, Flaherty 8. Coach: Joe Wilson.

POLONIA: Dzielakowski 7 — Upiarski 7, Mila 7 (inj. Vinja 82nd), Innes 9, Smolarek 7 — Auld 7 (Gregorcuk 75th), Gibson 8, Kolaric 6, Little 7 — Warszawski 6, Przybyla 6. Coach: Eddie Reid.

Best three for Schipano Player of the Year award: 3 Innes (Pol), 2 Cosentino (Thom), 1 Gibson (Pol).

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nger (Knox), Bannan (Springvale), Webster (Pines), 8 — McMillan, Harrison, Hughes (Box Hill), Athersych, Bruns (Morwell), McGuinness (Suburbs), Rapowicz (Thomastown), 7 — Verechia (Box Hill), Jovicic (Albion), Bozic (Dinamo), Cooke (Pines).

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Dzielakowski to keep Croydon at bay

Polonia's title hopes are laid on the line at Croydon Park on Sunday and there's doubt about Polonia star Stefan Milla being fit enough to face up to the league leader.

Milla injured himself when scoring from a fiercely struck free kick against Thomastown last weekend and if he can't line-up against Croydon, it will be a major blow to Polonia's chances.

However, Polonia is a well organised outfit. Coach Eddie Reid has seen to that. And I think that Polonia is capable of holding out for a draw, despite the presence of Peter Ollerton, Davie Brogan and Graham French in Croydon's front line.

One of the keys to the game will be the display of tall Polonia keeper Leszek Dzielakowski. When the big man puts his mind to it, he's almost unbeatable.

But this isn't simply a backs-to-the-wall affair for

Polonia which has one of the finest finishers in State League in Janusz Przybyla. He'll keep Jim O'Reilly and Davie Singleton on their toes.

Fawknor hasn't had a win for a while. That situation probably won't change at John Cain Reserve on Sunday when Fawknor takes on Northcote.

Fawknor appointed Pepe Carrassi as coach last week. He coached Juventus juniors last year and was coaching East Brunswick in the Victorian Leagues this season.

The sacking of Gus Macleod has left a nasty taste in the mouth of some Fawknor players. Time may ease their displeasure at the committee's action, but my sources tell me

that there's still a bit of dis-sension in the camp.

Frankston Pines will be without midfielder Jimmy Ross for the next three weeks. He fell and broke bones in a hand during last week's game against Box Hill.

Pines captain John Cullen isn't having the best of trots right now and was substituted by coach Danny McMinimie at half time of the Box Hill game. McMinimie hasn't had much success when Cullen and Peter Thurlow have been used together in central defensive positions so it's likely that Steve Lawson will be used as sweeper with Thurlow as stopper against Albion Turk Gucu on Saturday at Monterey Reserve. Cullen probably will

take over from Ross in a central midfield role. Cullen's too good a player not to overcome the poor form which has plagued him recently. Maybe we'll see him at his best against Albion.

St Albans Dinamo would dearly love to have tall striker Dennis Morovic available for Saturday's clash with Morwell Falcons at Churchill Reserve. Unfortunately for Dinamo, it will have to wait a few more weeks before Morovic recovers from ankle ligament problems.

Morwell deservedly goes into this game as favorite and it should win. Mick McGorian did well last weekend in his debut for Morwell. He switched last week from Sunshine George Cross for a \$1,000 loan for the remainder of the sea-

son. Morwell has the option at the end of the season of paying a further \$2,000 to secure McGorian on a more permanent basis.

Box Hill always has a tough game against Wilhelmina. It won't be any different on Sunday when the Hillmen travel to Jubilee Park.

Nevertheless, I'm tipping a Box Hill win. Wilhelmina has injury problems with midfielder Nick van Egmond doubtful and that's an area of the park in which Box Hill's Andy Hughes has shone in recent weeks.

However, injuries also plague the Hillmen and both wide midfielders, Davie Azzopardi and Darryn White are in doubt. Azzopardi has a hamstring injury while White is troubled by a bad ankle.

Western Suburbs are searching for a class midfielder and are about to lose fullback George Lekkas who is going to Greece on holiday. But Suburbs should be able to

beat Springvale City at Ralph Reserve on Sunday.

Suburbs coach Jimmy Condlis has pushed Steve Kakantonis back up front, the role in which Kakantonis made a name for himself at South Melbourne Hellas. Ged Stenson played in midfield last week-end against Knox and that's probably where his qualities are of best use to the side.

The Vales need to tighten up at the back if they are to push clear of the relegation zone. The good news for Springvale is that striker Neil Garvey is running into form after a long injury lay-off earlier in the season and Jimmy Nelson did well in midfield against Dinamo last weekend.

Thomastown should have too many big guns for Knox at Partridge Reserve on Sunday. Although Mike Bissinger played well against Suburbs last week, it's hard to see him and his fellow defenders keeping Brendan Lalic and Brian Flaherty at bay here.

This weekend's games with likely winners in capitals.

SATURDAY
FRANKSTON PINES v **Albion Turk Gucu** at **Monterey Reserve**, 3 pm.
St Albans Dinamo v **MORWELL FALCONS** at **Churchill Reserve**, 3 pm.

SUNDAY
Croydon v **Polonia** (draw) at **Croydon Park**, 3 pm.
Northcote v **Fawknor** (draw) at **John Cain Reserve**, 3 pm.

Ringwood Wilhelmina v **BOX HILL** at **Jubilee Park**, 3 pm.
WESTERN SUBURBS v **Springvale City** at **Ralph Reserve**, 3 pm.
THOMASTOWN v **Knox City** at **Partridge Reserve**, 3 pm.

Switch to Saturdays for Turk Gucu

By PETER DESIRA

Northcote 2 Alb Turk Gucu 0

Scores: P. Constantinou 21st, Patsakos 87th
Venue: Selwyn Park

Albion Turk Gucu will switch its matches from Saturdays to Sundays from next season to cash in on the huge Turkish community which follows the other Turkish backed teams that play in the lower divisions of the Victorian Soccer Federation.

Officials of the club feel that the potential of a top Turkish backed club is unlimited and their sights extend not only towards challenging for the State League championship in years to come but also in becoming the first club to exploit the huge potential that exists among the 50,000 strong Turkish community in Victoria in the National League.

For this season their ambitions have been tempered to making the top four of the State League to be able to test their mettle against NSL sides in next season's Buffalo Cup.

But on Saturday's showing against Northcote even those ambitions may be beyond their grasp this season as the side's deficiencies were exposed with casual contempt by a Northcote side that also is bound to be a middle-of-the-table proposition.

Albion's lightweight attack made no impression against a Northcote defence led superbly by old warhorse George Bozakis who did not give Tony Latif a look-in all day.

In midfield, Albion does not have a hard man in the mould of Mark Wilson while at the back, Rad Jovicic, the sweeper who has been holding the defence together, had a nightmare trying to keep Peter Constantinou and the two big men, Tom Patsakos and Alex Fillipis, in check.

Albion also has lost the flair of Joe Piccione who watched the match from the sideline after falling out with the committee apparently over compensation for the time he has been injured.

Northcote opened the scor-

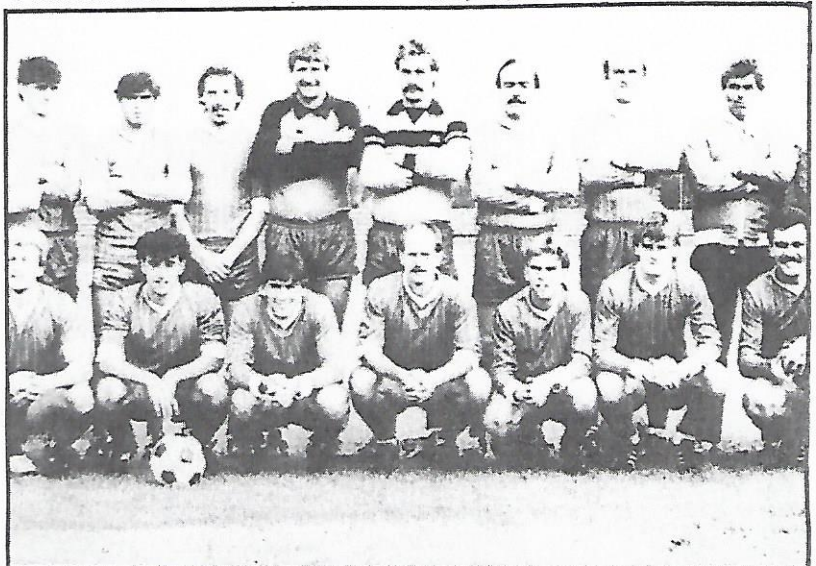
ing in the 21st minute when a Chris Bekiaris through ball was controlled on the edge of the box by Patsakos who then turned it in for Constantinou who had the simple task of sidefooting the ball home.

Albion's forays brought two shots from Tony Latif and a Naser Eminovski and Gus Alonzo move which ended with the latter shooting wide from a good position.

At the other end, Juan Toro fired a long range shot which was saved and Constantinou forced Wally Bryden into the save of the match meeting a Toro freekick with a good header.

The goal that sealed the victory for the visitors came three minutes from the end and it was scored with arrogant ease by Patsakos.

The striker got a pass from Fillipis then danced his way past three players before slotting the ball past Bryden to quicken the stream of disappointed supporters leaving the ground early.



Springvale City — continued to creep away from the relegation zone with a 2-2 draw against St. Albans Dinamo last Saturday. Picture by LES SHORROCK

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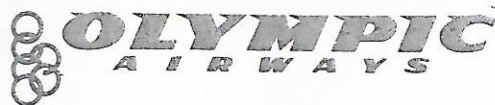


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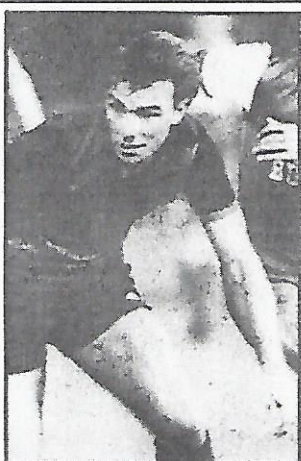
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